ATTACK ON TITAN
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WHOOOOOSH
SQUAD LEADER !!

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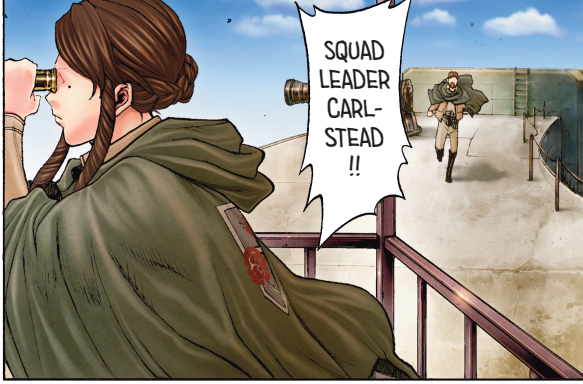
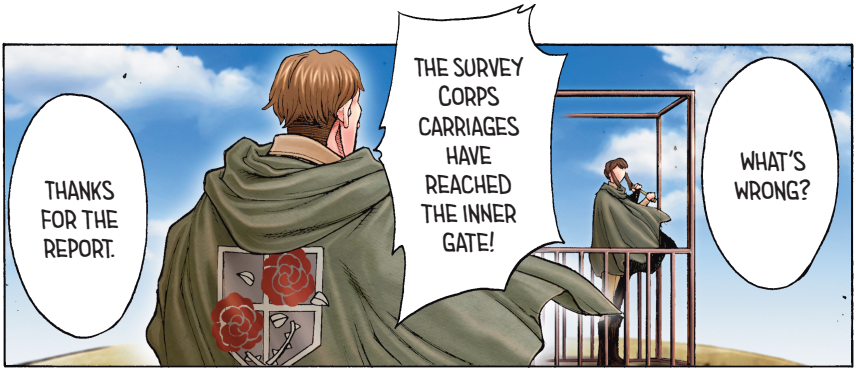

SQUAD LEADER CARL-STEAD !!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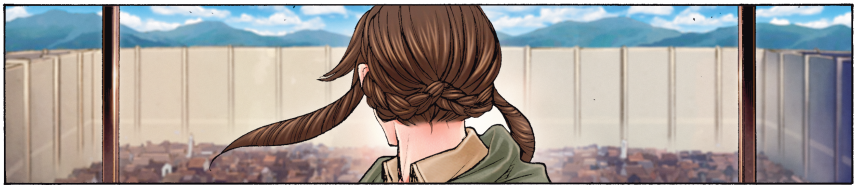
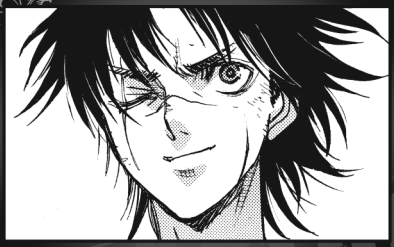
THE SURVEY CORPS CARRIAGES HAVE REACHED THE INNER GATE!
WHAT'S WRONG?



...HOW THE KID'S COMING ALONG...
I WONDER...

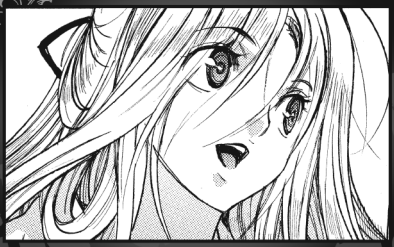
Before the fall Character Profiles

Kuklo



A 15-year-old boy born from a dead body packed into the vomit of a Titan, which earned him the moniker, "Titan's Son." He is fascinated with the Device as a means to defeat the Titans. Xavi defeated him in battle and left him for dead, until Rosa's group found and rescued him.

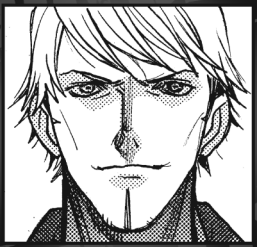
Sharle Inocencio



First daughter of the Inocencios, a rich merchant family within Wall Sheena. When she realized that Kuklo was a human, she taught him to speak and learn. She escaped her family home and went into the underground ward in search of Angel, inventor of the Device.

Cardina Baumeister

Kuklo's first friend in the outside world, and his companion in developing the Device.



Carlo Pikale

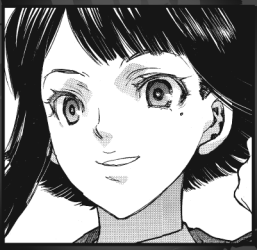
Jorge's son and current captain of the Survey Corps. After they battled Titans together, he has great respect for Kuklo.

Jorge Pikale

Training Corps instructor. A former Survey Corps captain who was hailed as a hero for defeating a Titan.

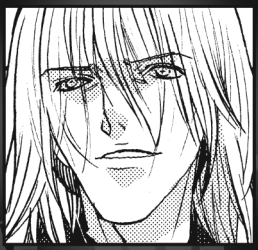
Xavi Inocencio

Head of the Inocencio family and Sharle's brother. Member of the Military Police in Shiganshina District.



Rosa Carlstead

The daughter of Maria and Sorum, Angel's longtime friends. She's in training now, hoping to enter the Survey Corps.



Angel Aaltonen

A former inventor who developed a tool to fight the Titans 15 years ago, known simply as "The Device."

The Story So Far

When a Titan terrorized Shiganshina District and left behind a pile of vomit, a baby boy was miraculously born of a pregnant corpse. This boy was named Kuklo, the "Son of a Titan," and treated as a sideshow anomaly. Eventually the wealthy merchant Dario Inocencio bought Kuklo. Dario's daughter Sharle learned that Kuklo was human and not the son of a Titan, and decided to teach him the words and knowledge of humanity. Two years later, Kuklo escaped from the mansion along with Sharle, who was being forced into a marriage she did not desire.

In Shiganshina District, the Survey Corps was preparing for its first expedition outside of the Wall in 15 years. Kuklo snuck into the expedition's cargo wagon, but the Titan they ran across was far worse of a monster than he expected. He helped the Survey Corps survive, but inside the Walls he was greeted by the Military Police, who wanted the "Titan's Son" on charges of murdering Dario. In prison, he met Cardina, a young man jailed over political squabbles. They hoped to escape to safety when exiled beyond the Wall, but found themselves surrounded by a pack of Titans. It was through the help of Jorge, former Survey Corps Captain and first human to defeat a Titan, that the two boys escaped with their lives. The equipment that Jorge used was the very "Device" that was the key to defeating the Titan those 15 years ago. Kuklo and Cardina escaped the notice of the MPs by hiding in the Industrial City, where they found Sharle. It is there that the three youngsters learned the truth of the ill-fated Titan-capturing expedition 15 years earlier, and swore to uphold the will of Angel, the inventor of the Device.

Next, Kuklo and Cardina headed back to Shiganshina to test out a new model of the Device developed by Xenophon, Angel's friend and rival, but while they were gone, a rebellion by anti-establishment dissidents broke out in the Industrial City. Kuklo was able to slip through the chaos to rescue Sharle from the dissidents, but then Sharle's brother Xavi arrived, now a member of the Military Police, and turned his sword on Kuklo. Xavi won the battle by inflicting a grievous blow on Kuklo, who fell into the river. Ultimately, Kuklo survived his ordeal thanks to the help of Rosa, the daughter of Sorum, who lost his life in the fateful expedition 15 years earlier.

After a month and a half of recovery, Kuklo accepted Jorge's offer of an assistant instructor position with the Survey Corps. Sharle escaped Xavi's grasp and visited Angel, inventor of the Device, who unveiled the finished version, the Vertical Maneuvering Equipment. But not all of their news was good: the Survey Corps would have to run an expedition in just two months' time, and bring back proof that the Vertical Maneuvering Equipment vanquished a Titan, or the Corps would be disbanded. Captain Carlo was forced to speed up his schedule and choose trainees of high aptitude to use the equipment. In order to give Rosa and the other potential Survey Corps members a certain kind of "baptism," he took them to Shiganshina Ward.

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UNFORTUNATELY, THE CAPTAIN IS OFF AT THE ROYAL CITY TODAY! THEREFORE, SQUAD LEADER CARLSTEAD WILL HANDLE YOU INSTEAD!
WE'VE BEEN AWAITING YOU!!

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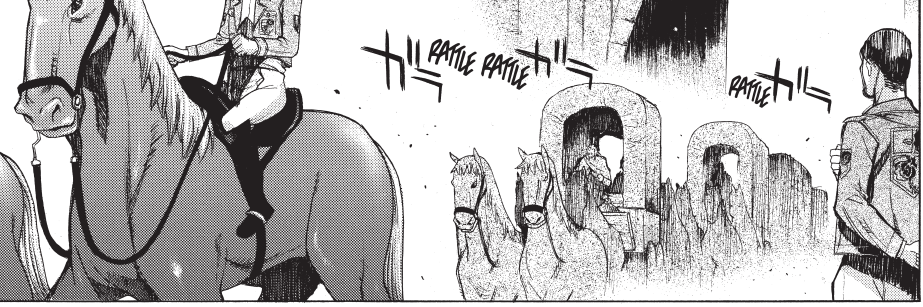
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...HEAR THAT?
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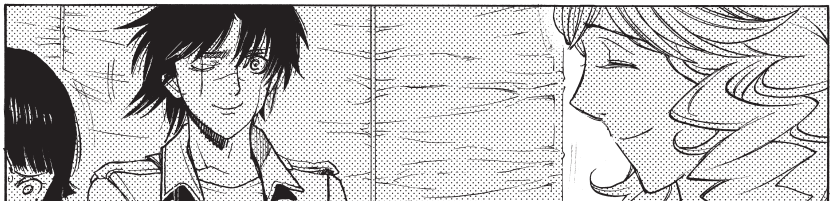
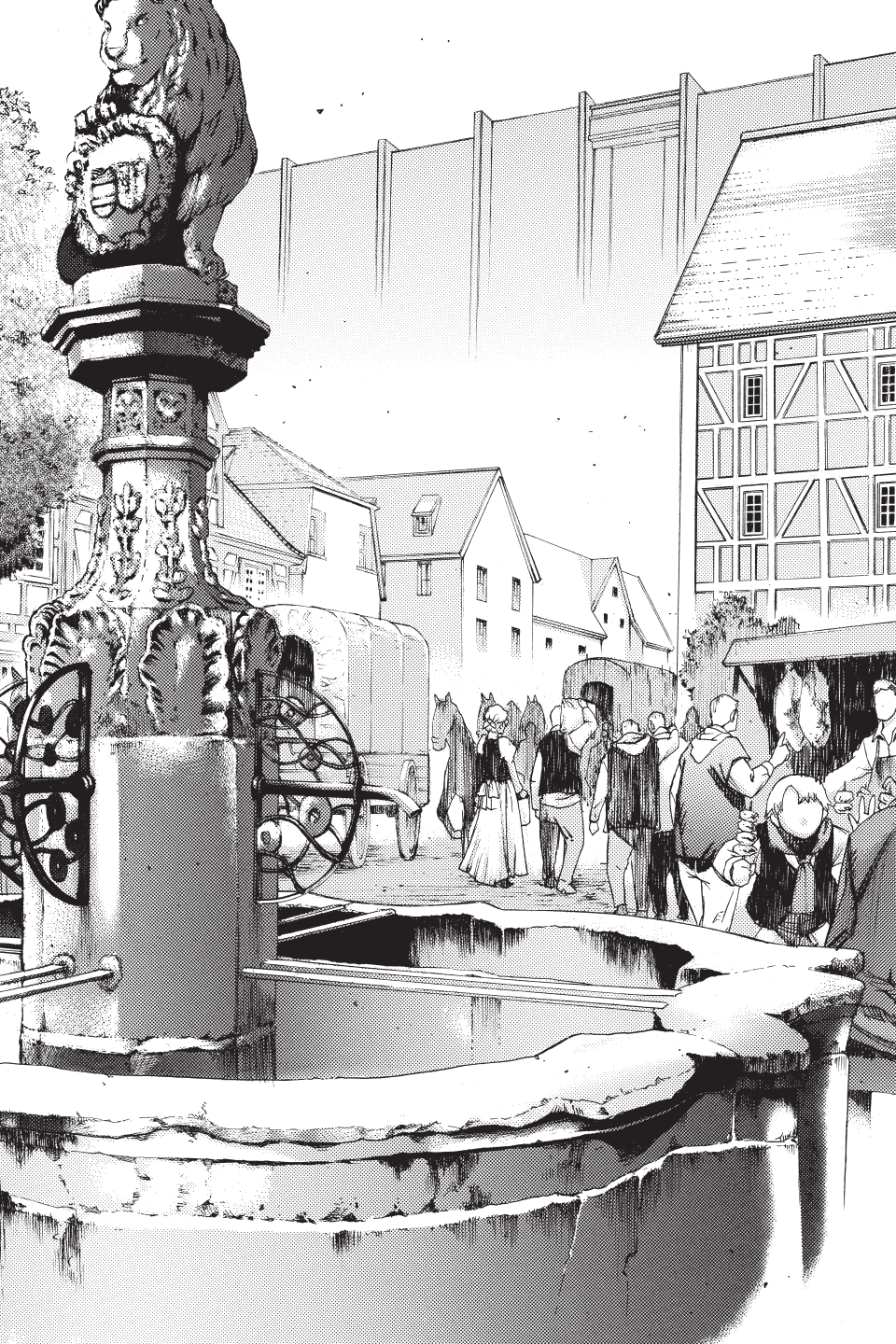
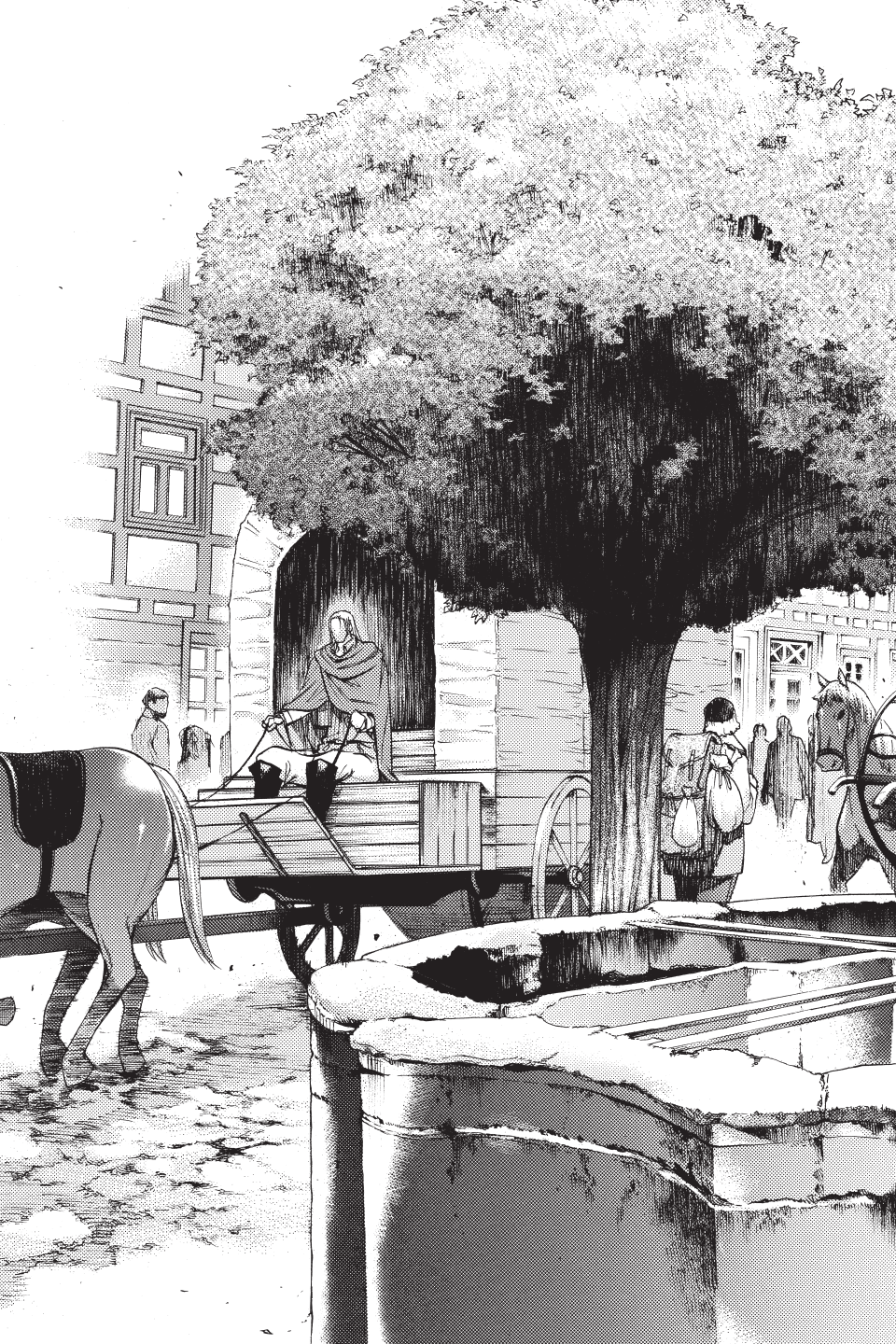
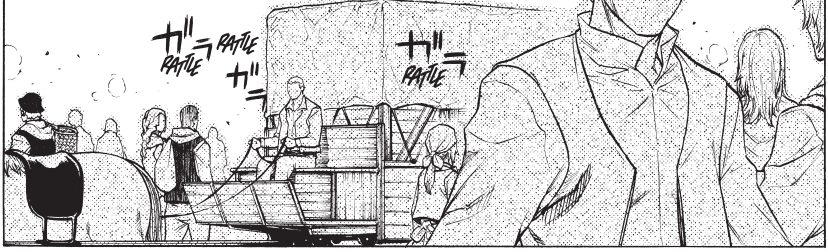
W-WAIT... I'M NOT READY...
H...HUH?!? MAMA'S GONNA MEET US...?!





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WHOAAA...!

CHECK OUT ALL THE **PEOPLE** !!

KTUNK KTUNK
THIS IS JUST A NORMAL DAY AROUND HERE.

CALM DOWN!
IT'S GOTTA BE SOME KIND OF FESTIVAL TODAY, RIGHT? THAT'S WHY IT'S SO CROWDED!

SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT IS THE CENTER OF COMMERCE...
...AND THE MOST POPULOUS CITY IN THE LAND.

WHOA! THOSE SKEWERS LOOK TASTY !!!
I CAN SMELL 'EM FROM HERE...
WHA ...!

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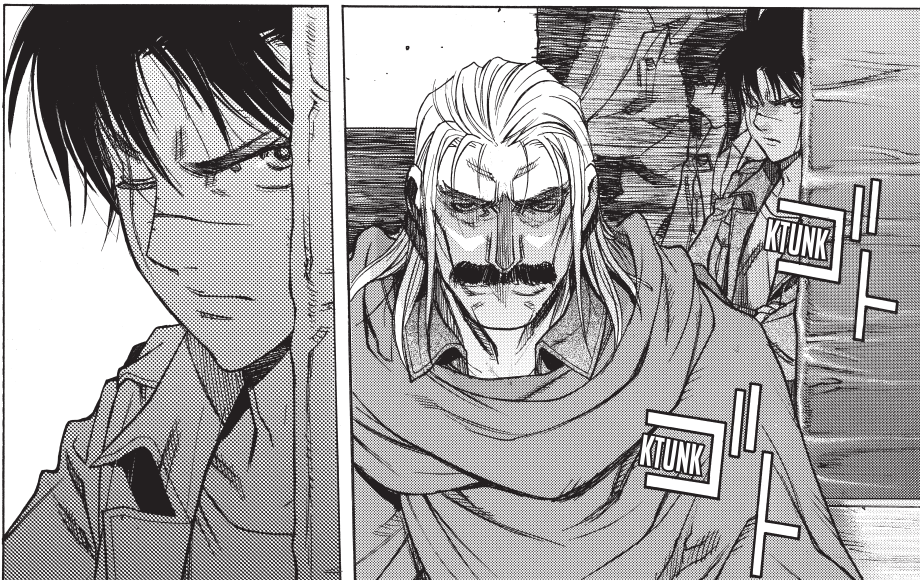
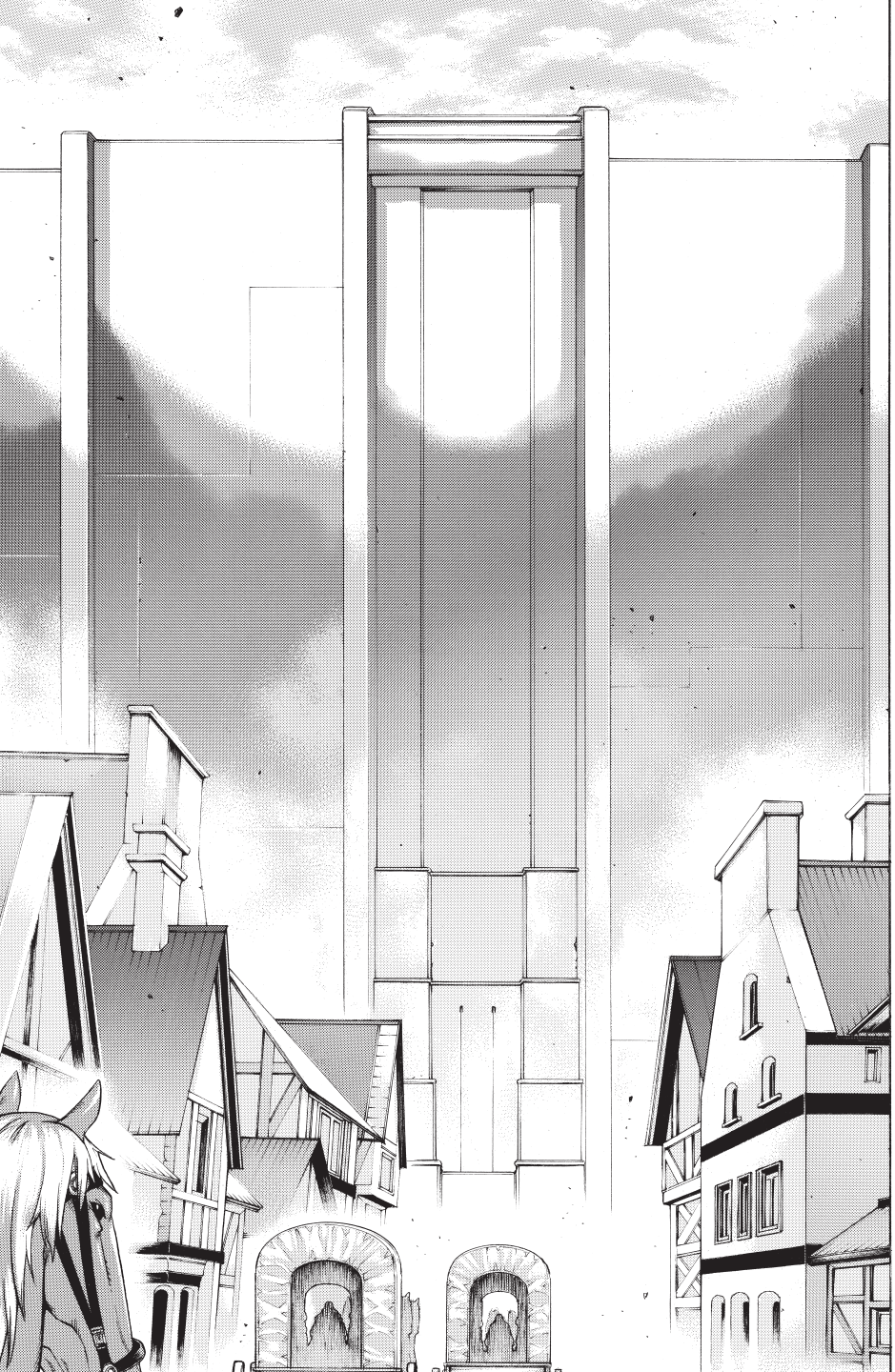
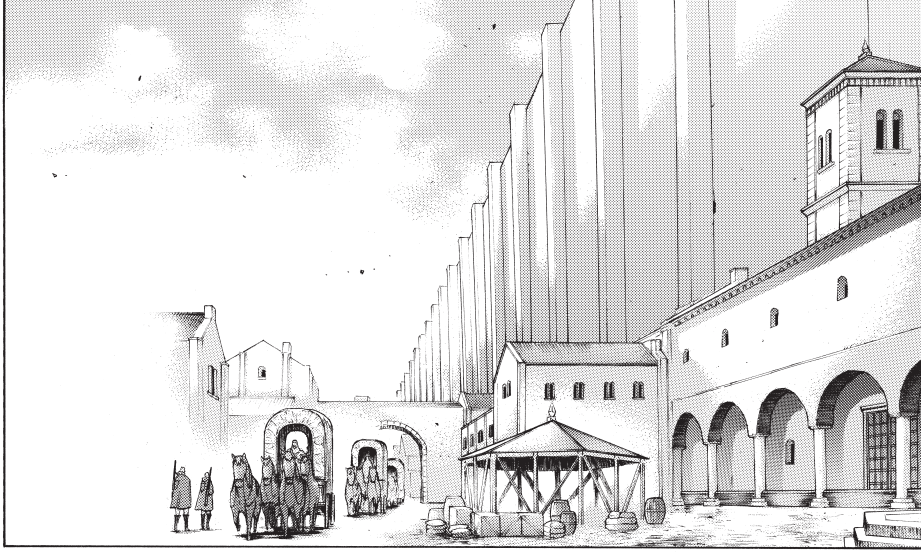
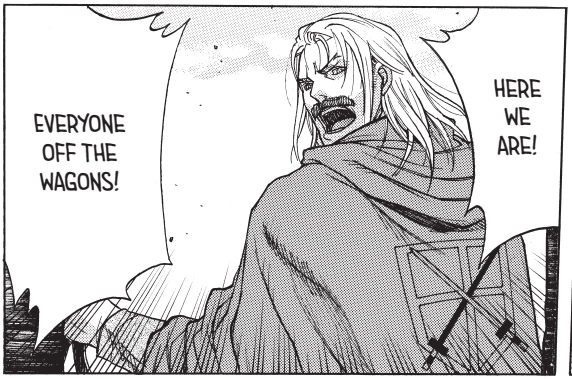
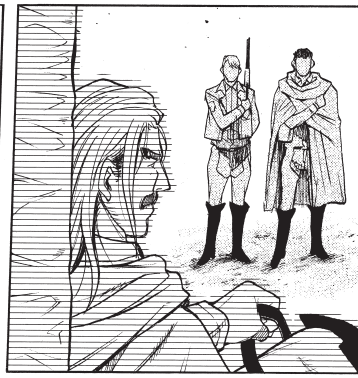
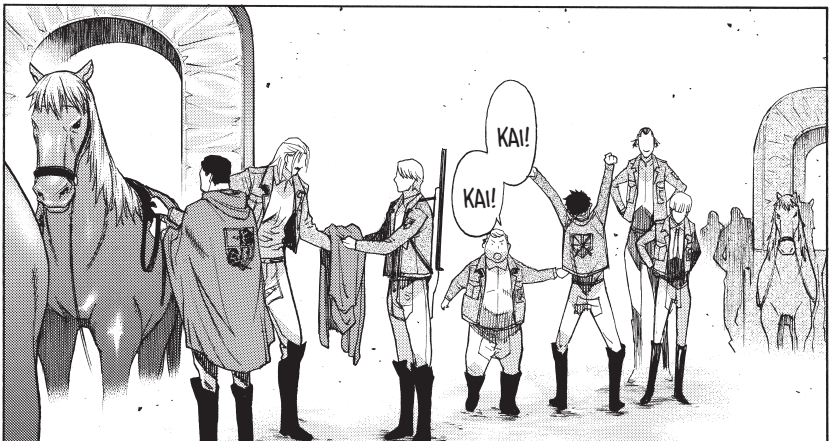







EVERYONE OFF THE WAGONS!
HERE WE ARE!

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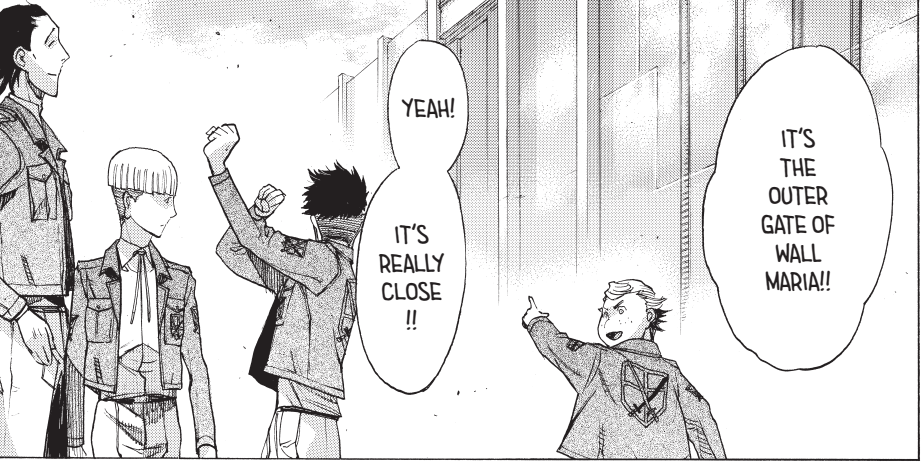
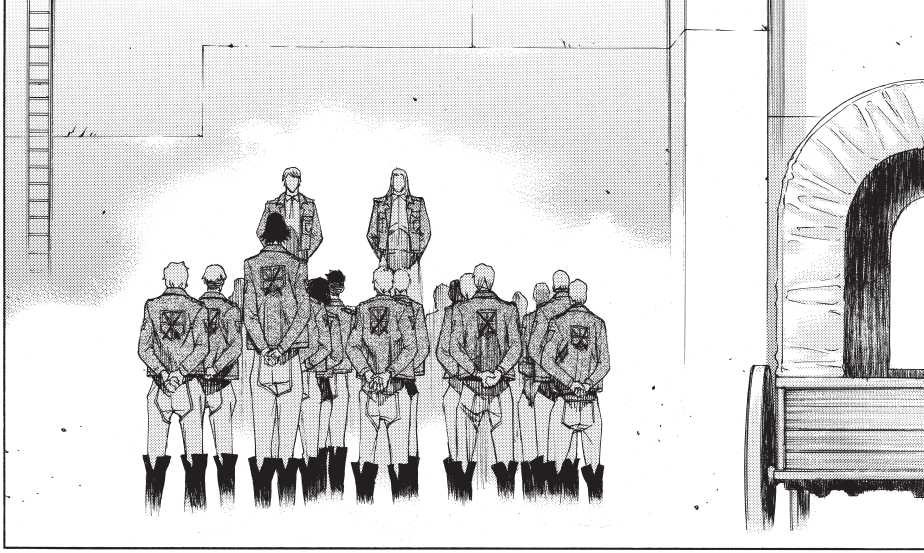
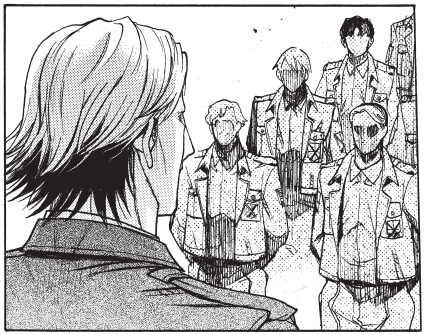
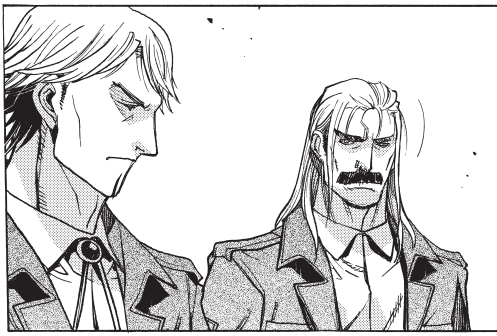

IT'S THE OUTER GATE OF WALL MARIA!!
YEAH!
IT'S REALLY CLOSE !!

MAN, THAT THING IS TAAALL !
WAIT... ARE WE...?
FALL IN !!!







...THE WORLD OUTSIDE OF WALL MARIA!!
YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS...

!
AS WELL AS THE ENEMY OF THE SURVEY CORPS...
...THE TITANS !!!
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ASIDE FROM THE SURVEY CORPS, ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF THE MILITARY POLICE AND GARRISON TROOPS KNOW WHAT THE TITANS ARE LIKE!
AND NOW, YOU WILL KNOW WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE AS WELL!!
SOME OF YOU MIGHT BE PERMANENTLY SHAKEN BY THIS EXPERIENCE!
IF YOU WISH TO WITHDRAW YOUR APPLICATION TO THE SURVEY CORPS, YOUR WISH WILL BE GRANTED!

IT IS KNOWN FROM PAST EXPERIENCE THAT EVEN THE FIERCEST SOLDIERS IN THE SURVEY CORPS CAN LOSE THEIR EDGE UPON WITNESSING THE TITANS!
THERE IS NO SHAME IN BEING FRIGHTENED BY THEM! THEY ARE MEANT TO BE FEARED!
SO!
WILL YOU STILL BE ABLE TO FIGHT AFTER THIS EXPERI-ENCE?

TODAY IS THE DAY YOU FIND OUT! TODAY, WE TEST YOUR METTLE!
I WANT YOU TO THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHETHER YOU TRULY WANT TO BE IN THE SURVEY CORPS AND FIGHT THE TITANS ON HUMANITY'S FRONTIER! THAT IS ALL!!

WHA...?
YOU WILL BE TAKING TURNS CLIMBING UP THOSE LADDERS TO THE TOP OF THE WALL!

WE HAVE CLIMB ALL THE WAY UP?!
WAIT...
BUT BEFORE THAT, YOU WILL GET A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION.
THIS IS A PRACTICAL EXHIBITION OF THE ANTI-TITAN GEAR THAT YOU, THE CHOSEN MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS, WILL USE.
...!! KUKLO?
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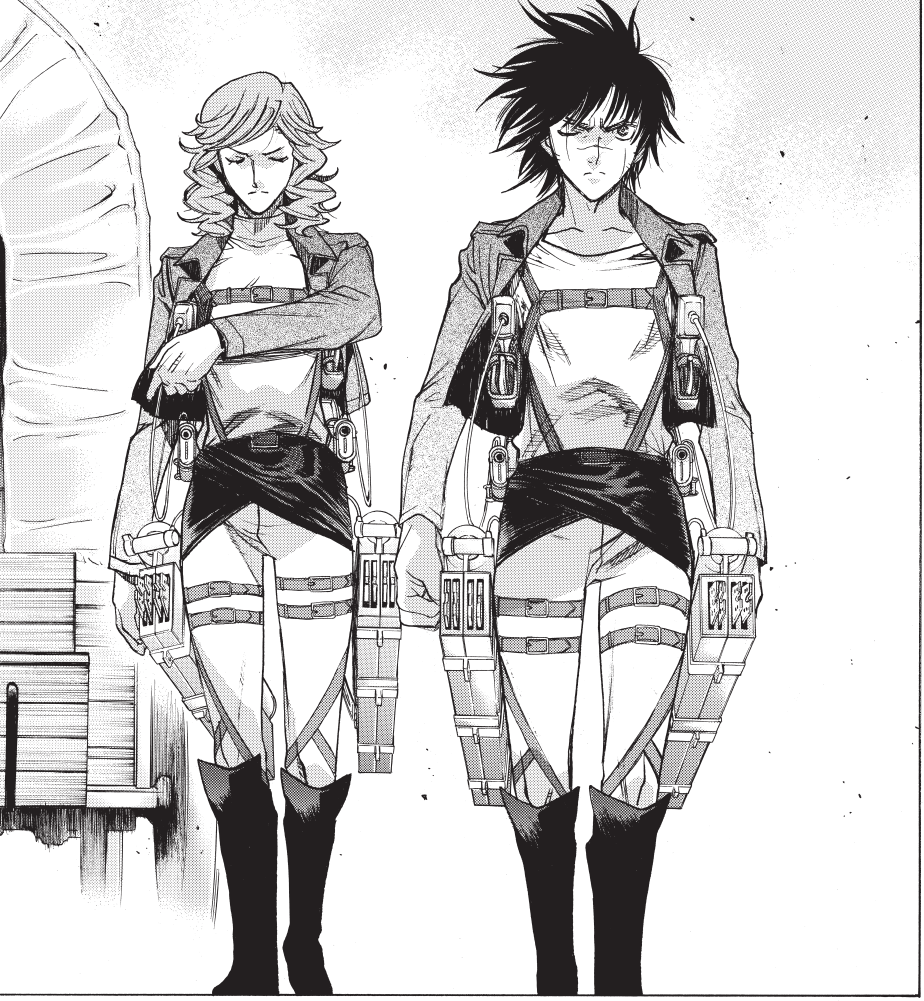
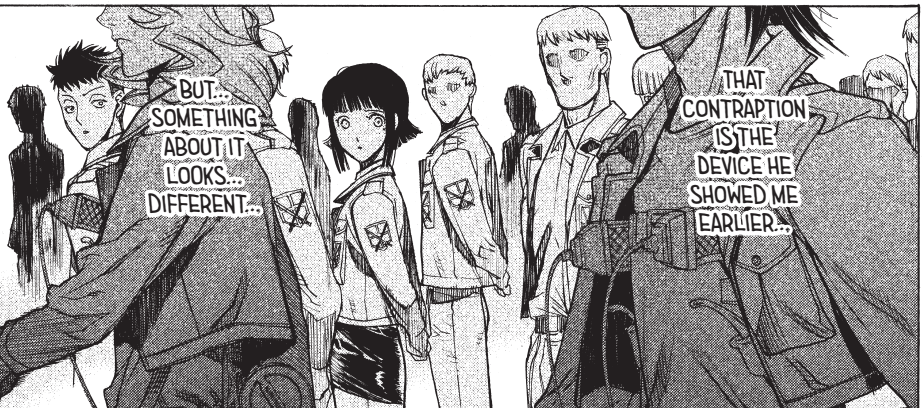
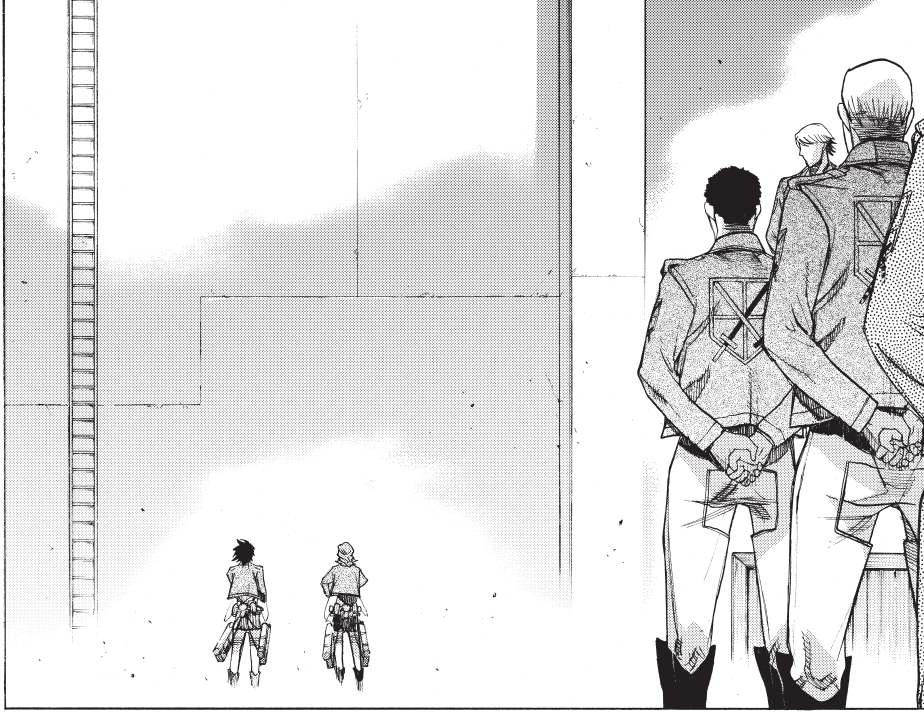
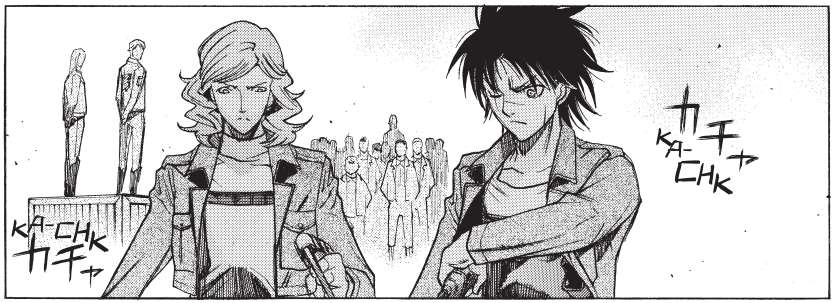



BUT... SOMETHING ABOUT IT LOOKS... DIFFERENT...
THAT CONTRAPTION IS THE DEVICE HE SHOWED ME EARLIER...

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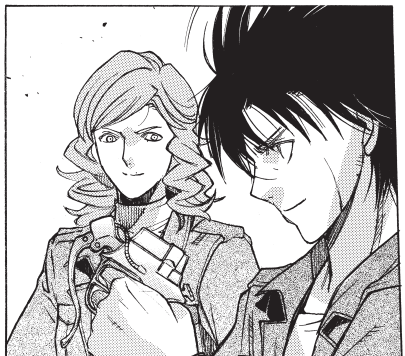

WHISPER
WHISPER
SURELY THEY CAN'T DO THAT... BUT...
ARE THEY GOING TO CLIMB UP THE WALL WITH **THOSE**?

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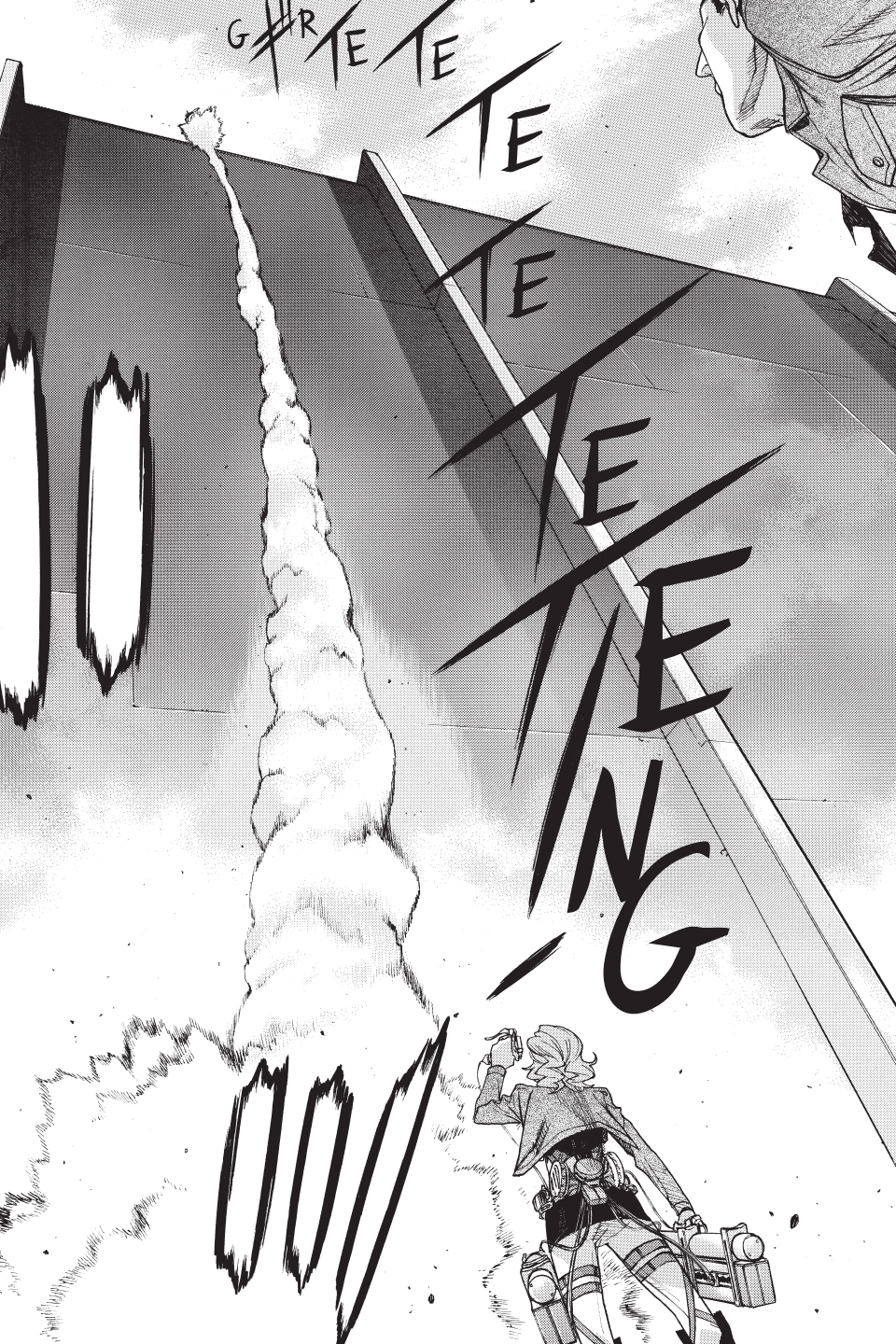
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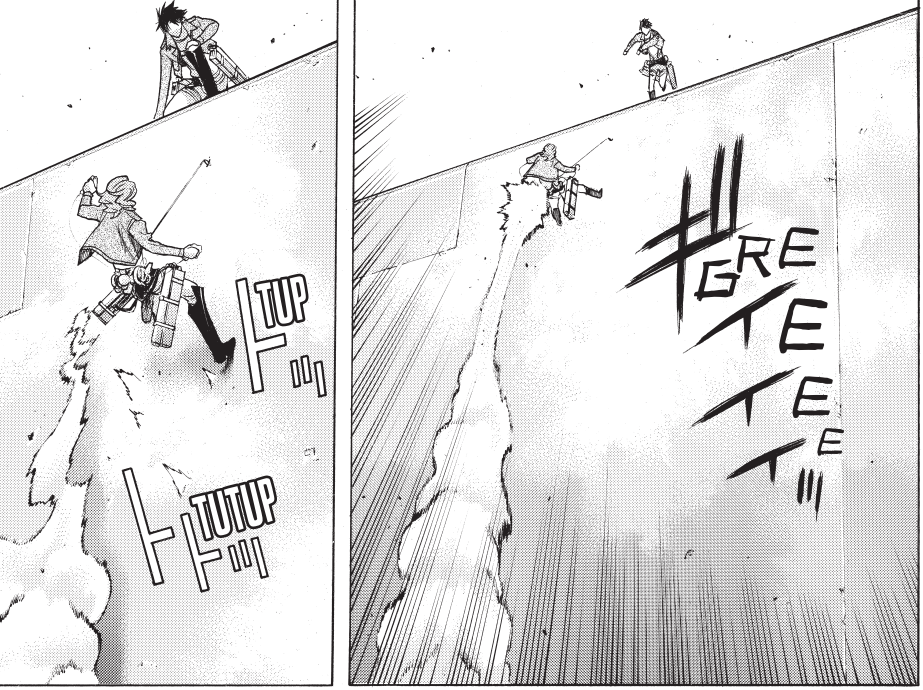
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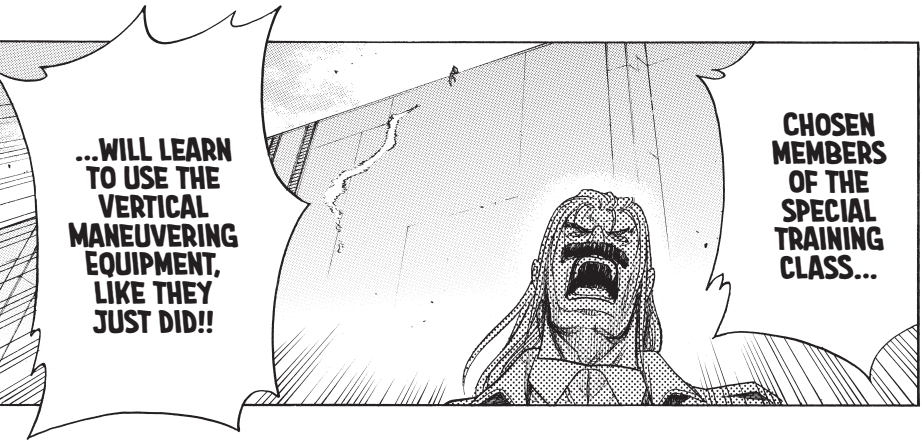
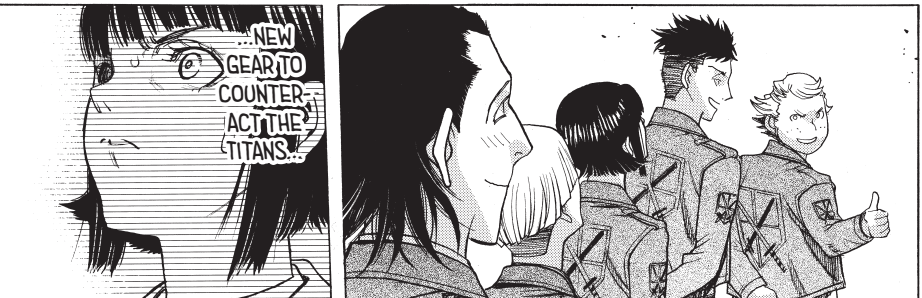
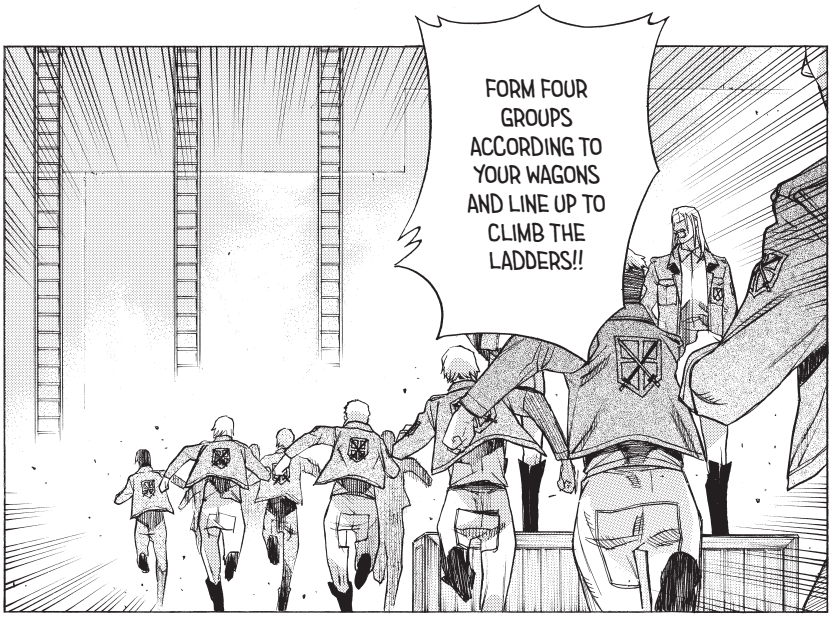
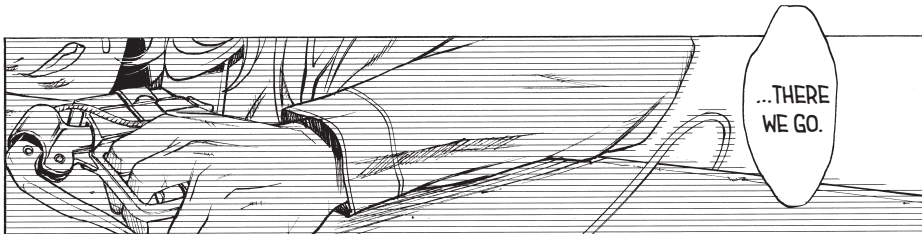

CHOSEN MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS...
...WILL LEARN TO USE THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT, LIKE THEY JUST DID!!

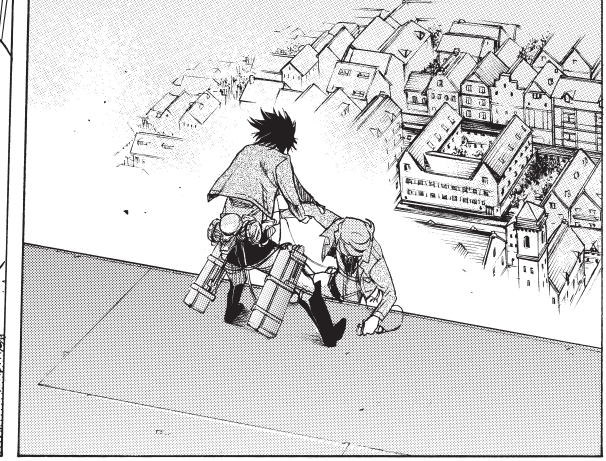

...NEW GEAR TO COUNTER-ACT THE TITANS...!

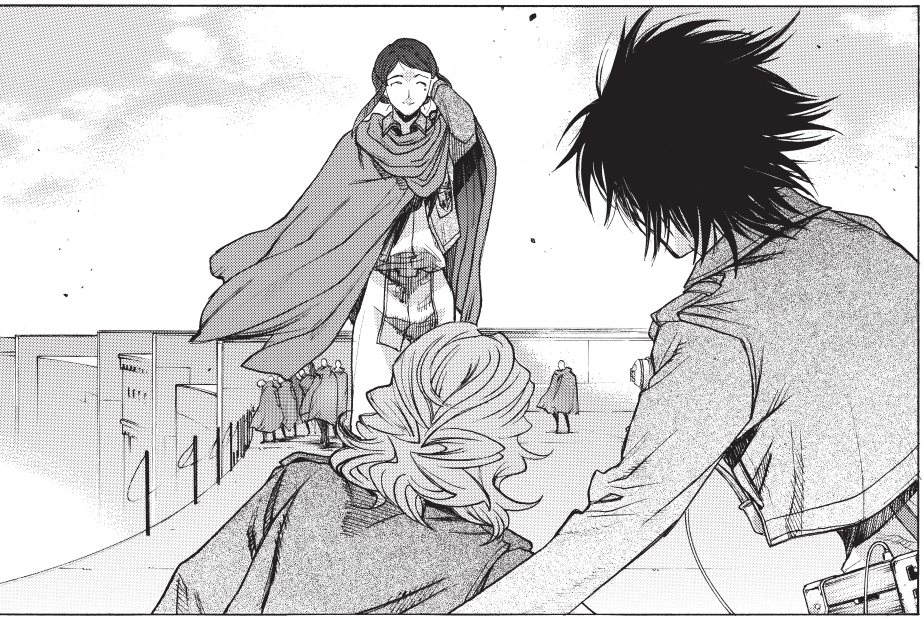
SO THAT'S GOING TO HELP US FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE TITANS?
THE "VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT"...

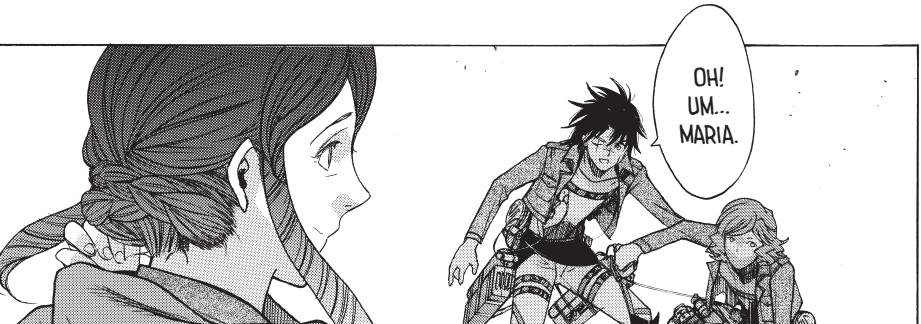

FORM FOUR GROUPS ACCORDING TO YOUR WAGONS AND LINE UP TO CLIMB THE LADDERS!!

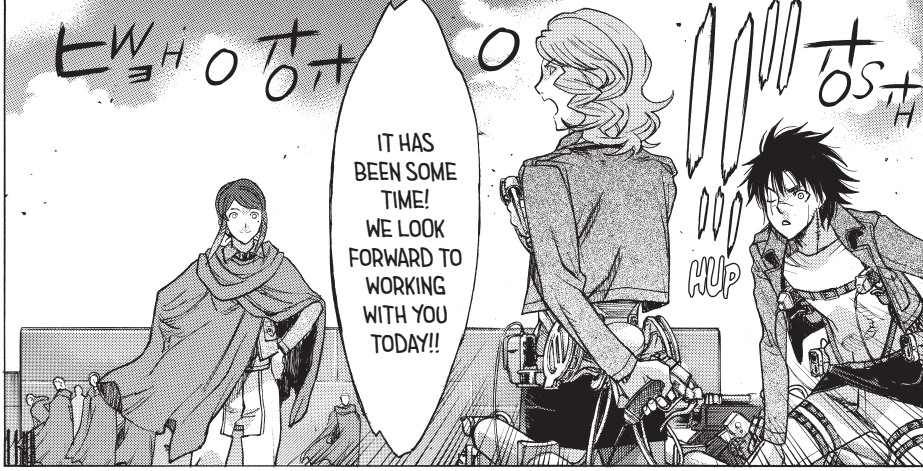

...THERE WE GO.

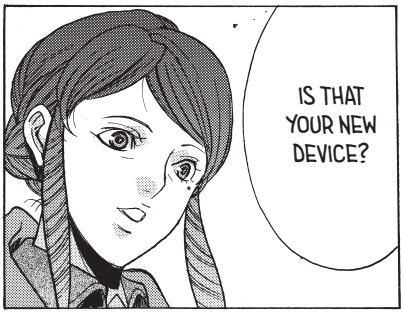
KUKLO AND CARDINA! IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

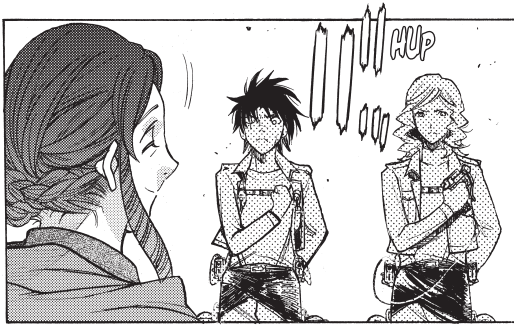





OH! UM... MARIA.


IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME! WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TODAY!!
HUP


IS THAT YOUR NEW DEVICE?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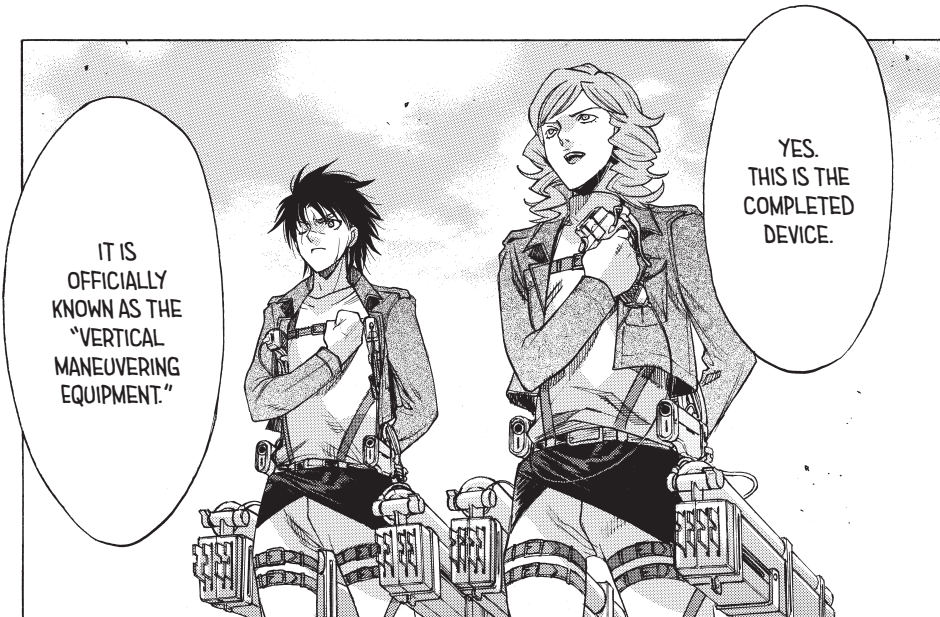
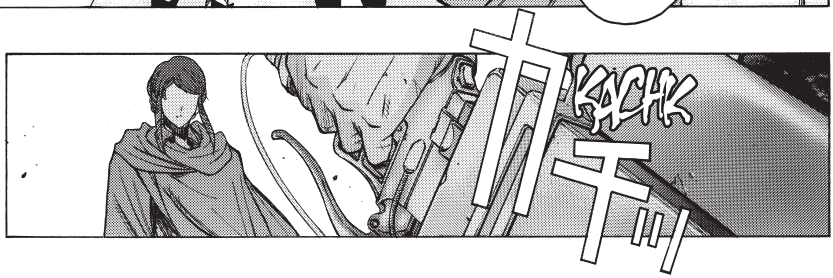

YES. THIS IS THE COMPLETED DEVICE.
IT IS OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS THE "VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT."

AND IT'S BASICALLY THE SAME AS THE OLD DEVICE, BUT IT'S MUCH EASIER TO USE IN BATTLE.
IT'S LIGHTER THAN BEFORE.
OH, YOU CAN BE AT EASE.
IT SEEMS SMALLER THAN THE OLD ONE I SAW.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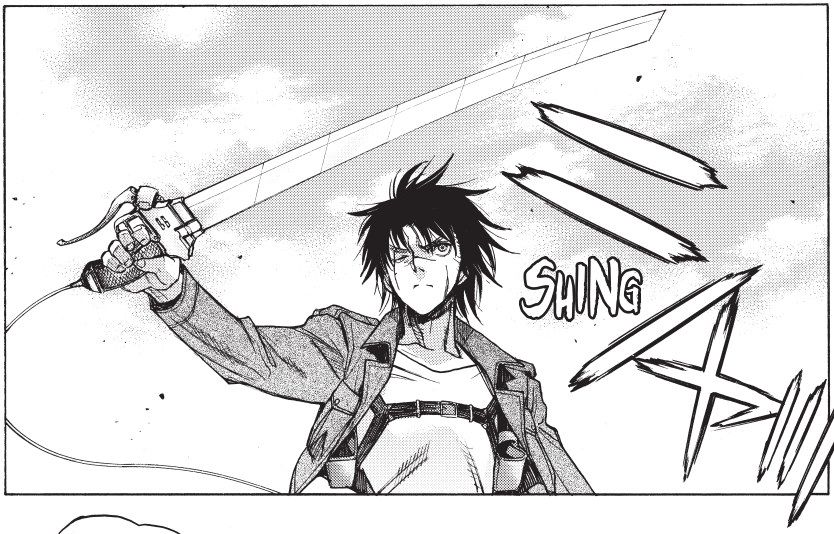
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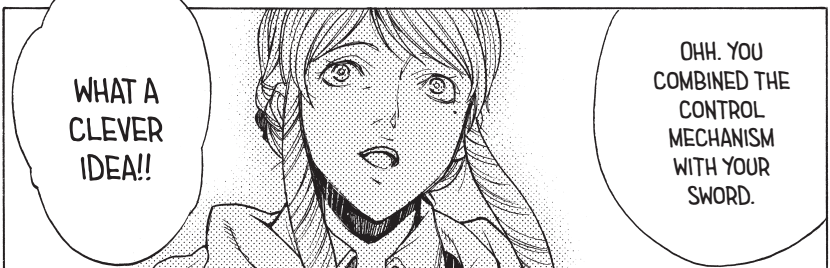
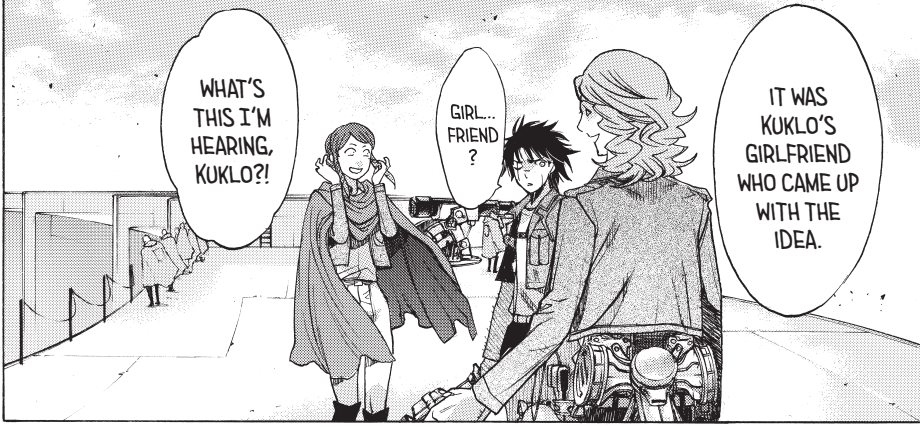
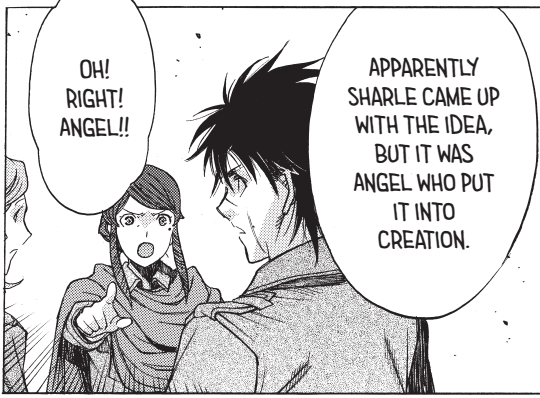
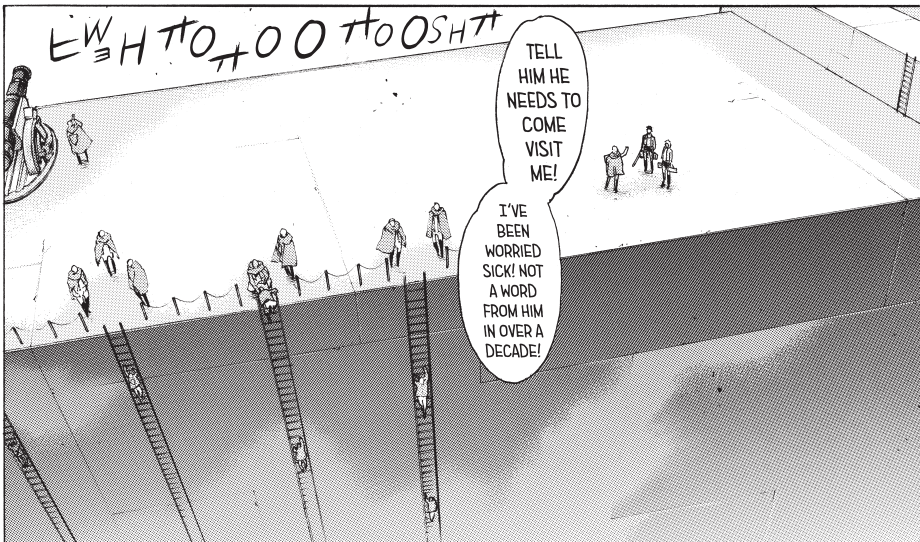
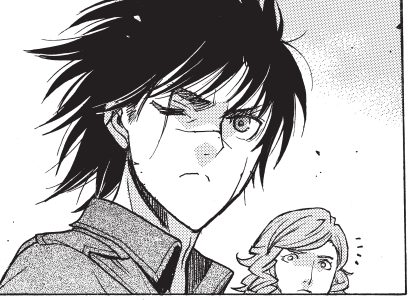

WHAT A CLEVER IDEA!!
OHH. YOU COMBINED THE CONTROL MECHANISM WITH YOUR SWORD.

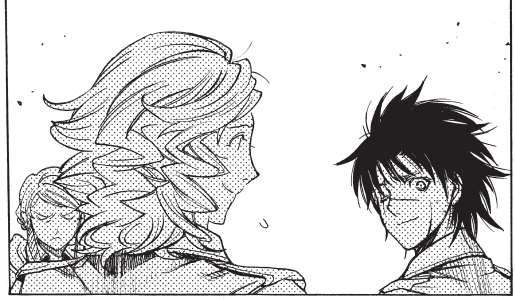

WHAT'S THIS I'M HEARING, KUKLO?!
GIRL... FRIEND ?
IT WAS KUKLO'S GIRLFRIEND WHO CAME UP WITH THE IDEA.

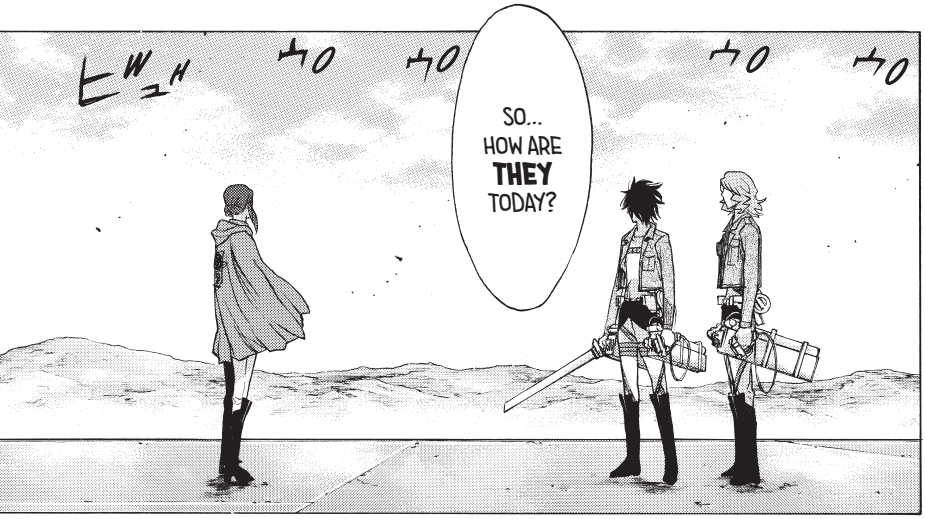
I HEAR YOU FOUND HIM!!

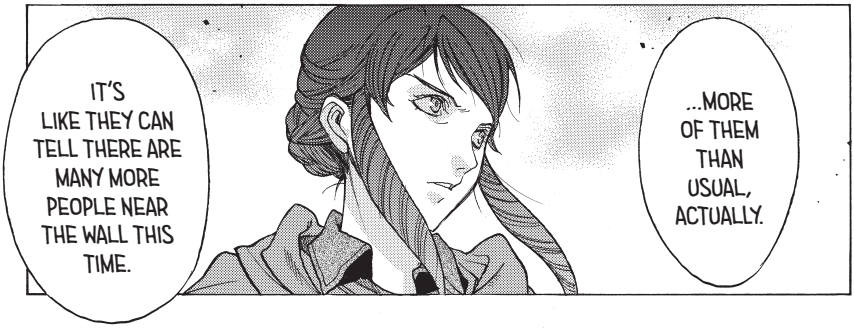

OH! RIGHT! ANGEL!!
APPARENTLY SHARLE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA, BUT IT WAS ANGEL WHO PUT IT INTO CREATION.

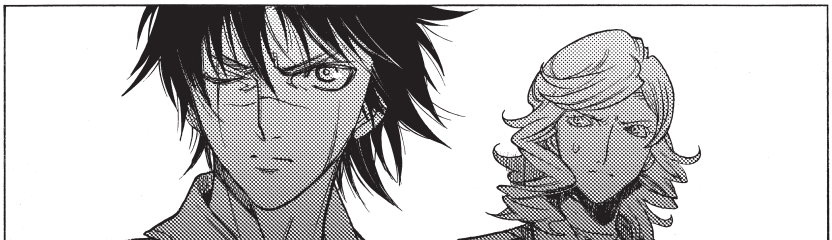

TELL HIM HE NEEDS TO COME VISIT ME!
I'VE BEEN WORRIED SICK! NOT A WORD FROM HIM IN OVER A DECADE!






SO... HOW ARE **THEY** TODAY?


IT'S LIKE THEY CAN TELL THERE ARE MANY MORE PEOPLE NEAR THE WALL THIS TIME.
...MORE OF THEM THAN USUAL, ACTUALLY.



...BUT WHEN THE WIND BLOWS LIKE THIS, IT TAKES MUCH MORE ARM STRENGTH THAN I THOUGHT...
THIS IS HARD... I THOUGHT I WAS TOUGHENED UP BY ALL THE TRAINING...
GRAA

WALL MARIA IS 50 METERS TALL, RIGHT?
...HOW MANY MORE TO GO...?
KAI AND THE REST WERE AHEAD OF ME. I WONDER IF THEY REACHED THE TOP ALREADY.
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RATTLE
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RATTLE
...!
GRINK
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ROSA?!
TRMBL
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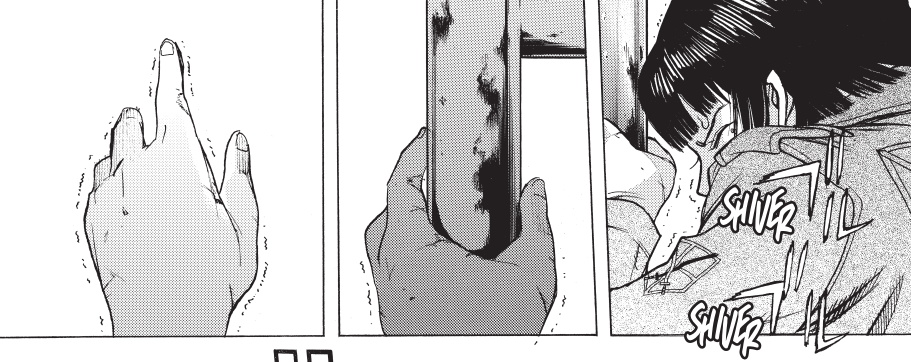
TAKE STEADY BREATHS !!
THEN GO SLOWLY! CLIMB WITHOUT LOOKING DOWN!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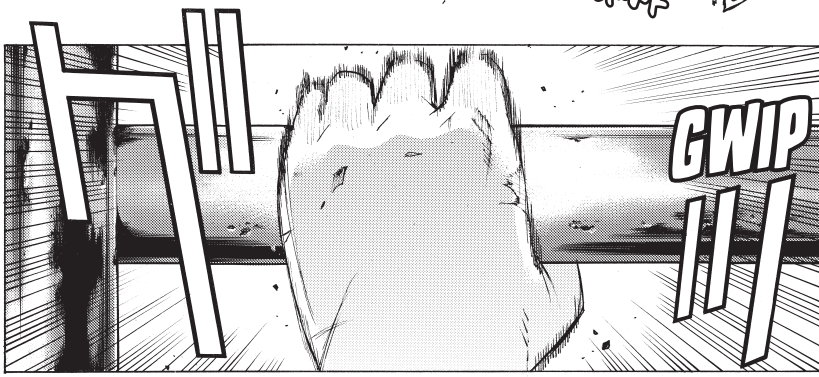
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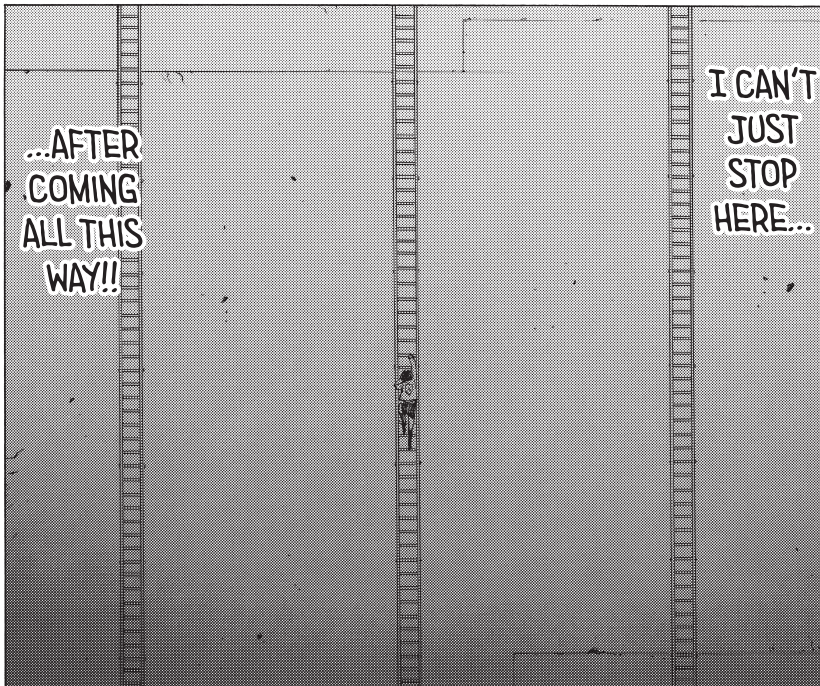
I CAN'T JUST STOP HERE...
...AFTER COMING ALL THIS WAY!!

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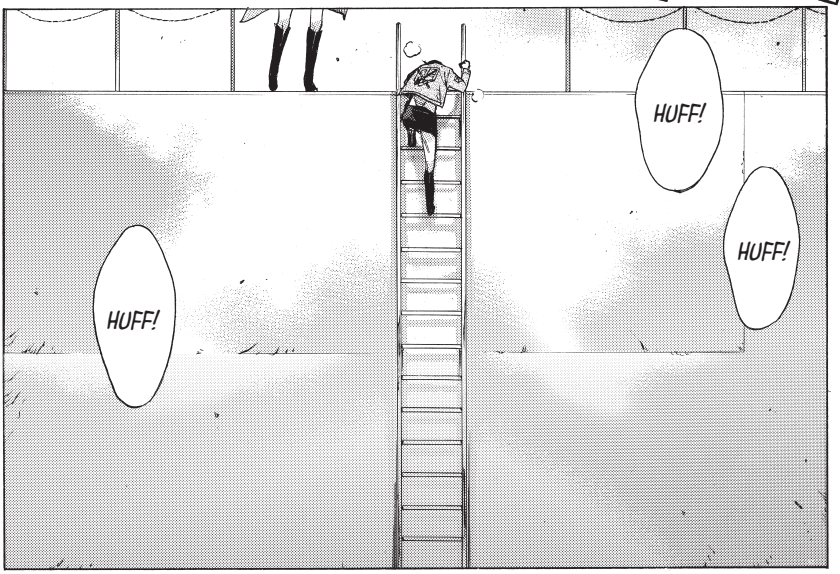
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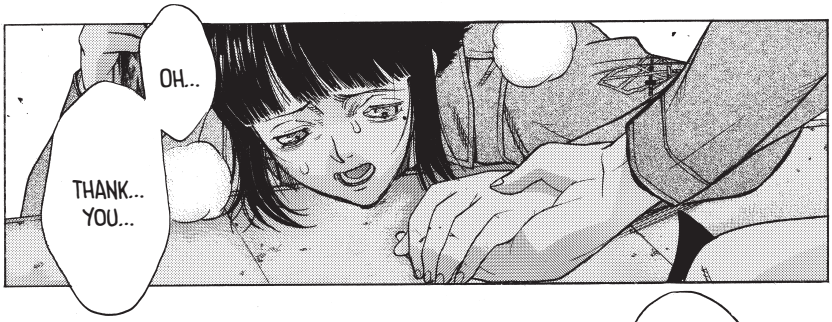
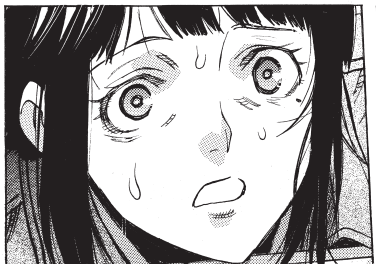
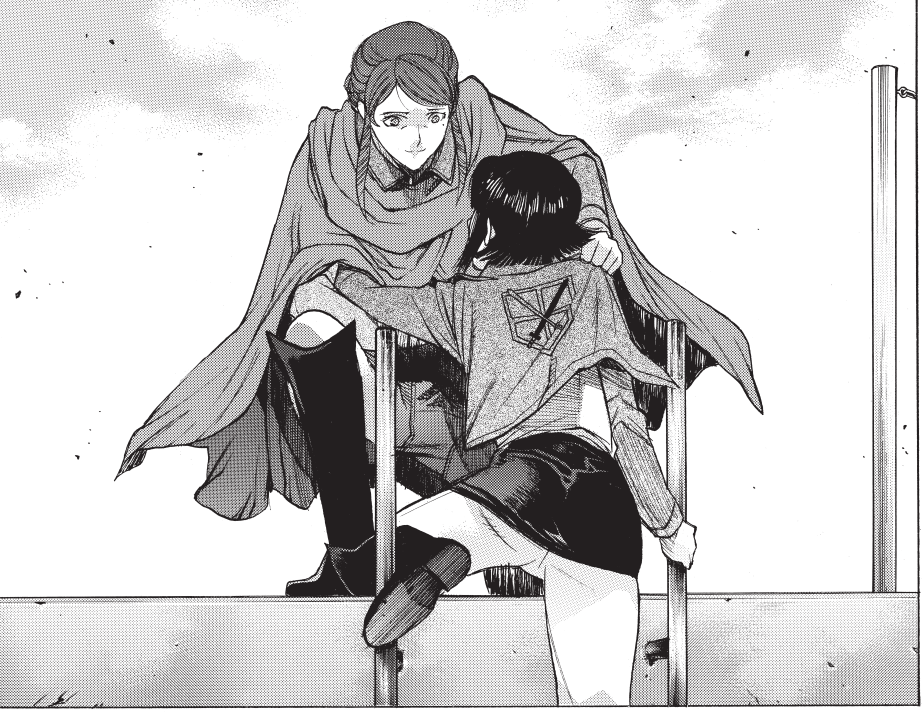
HUFF!
HUFF!


OH...
THANK... YOU...

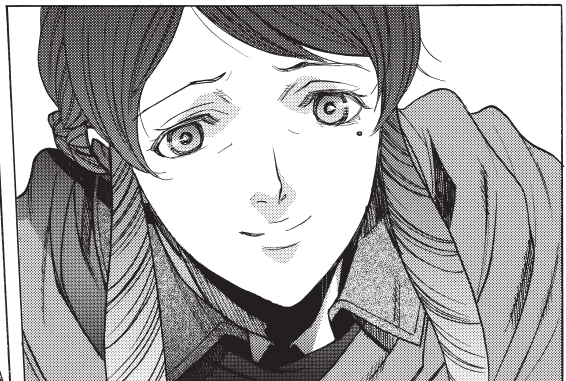


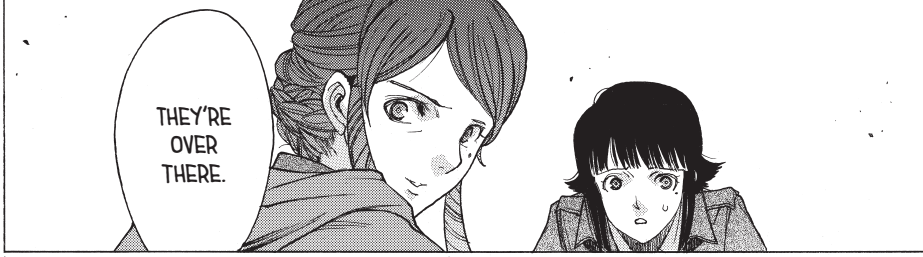
YOU DID WELL.

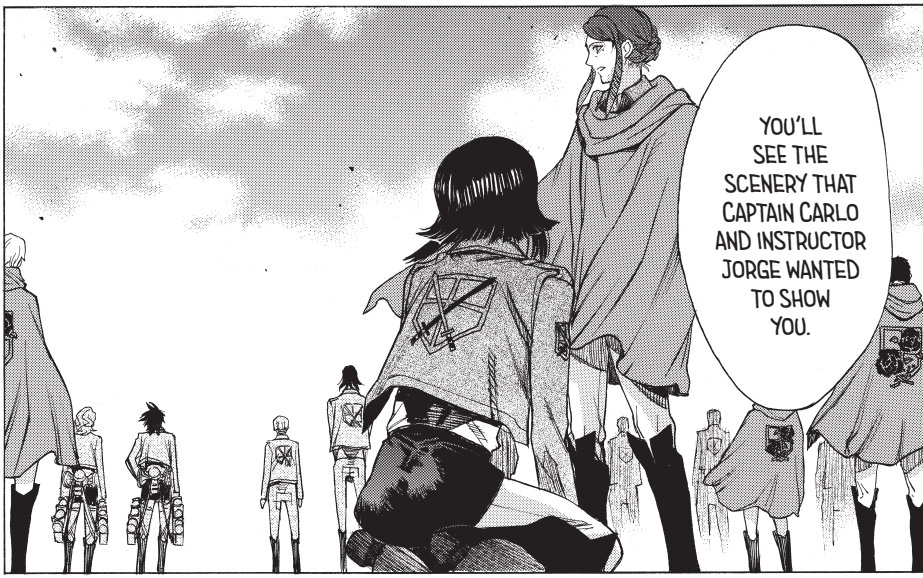


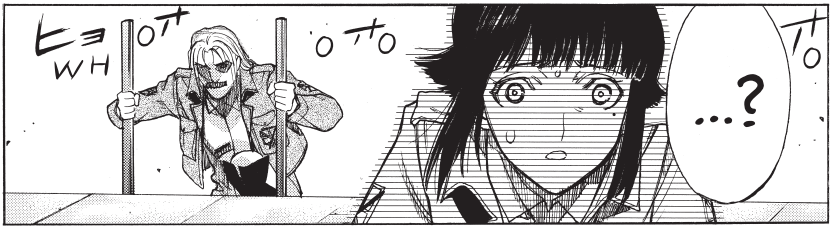
...MAMA...
...I'M...

HUH...? WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?




THEY'RE OVER THERE.


YOU'LL SEE THE SCENERY THAT CAPTAIN CARLO AND INSTRUCTOR JORGE WANTED TO SHOW YOU.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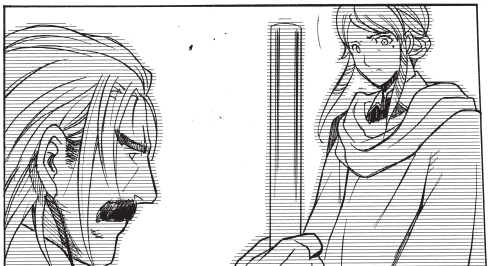

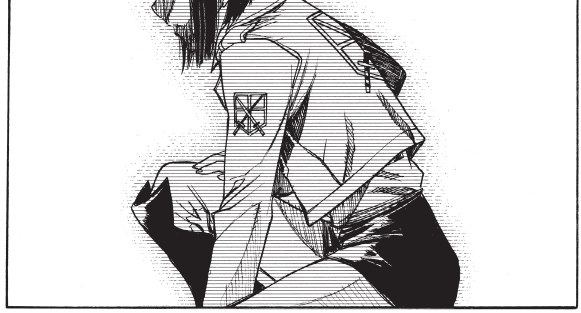

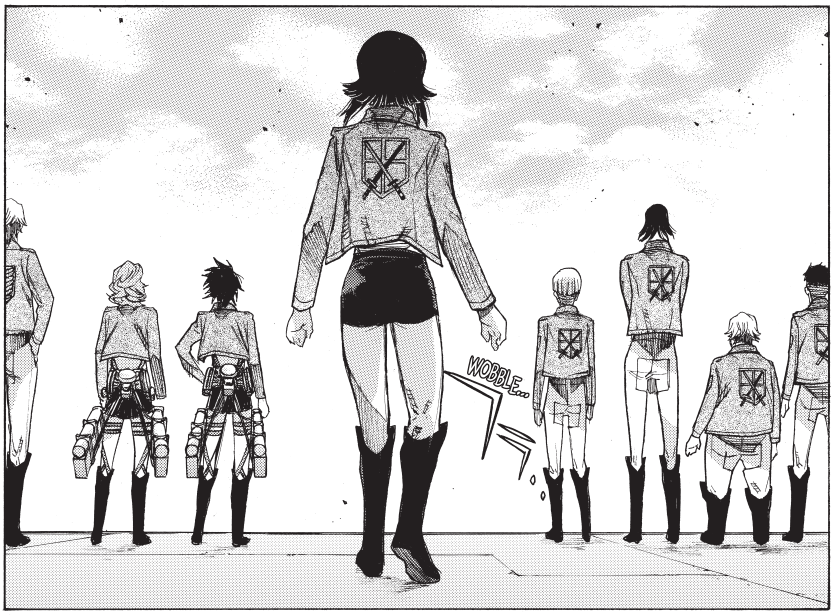
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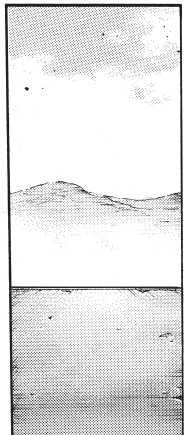

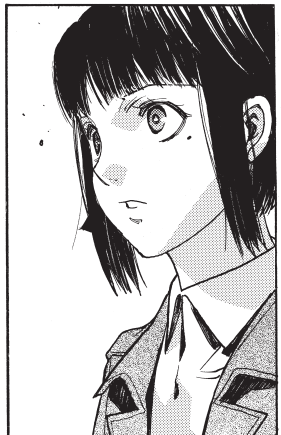

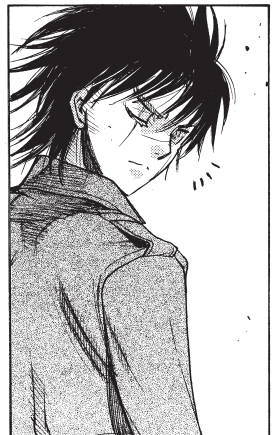

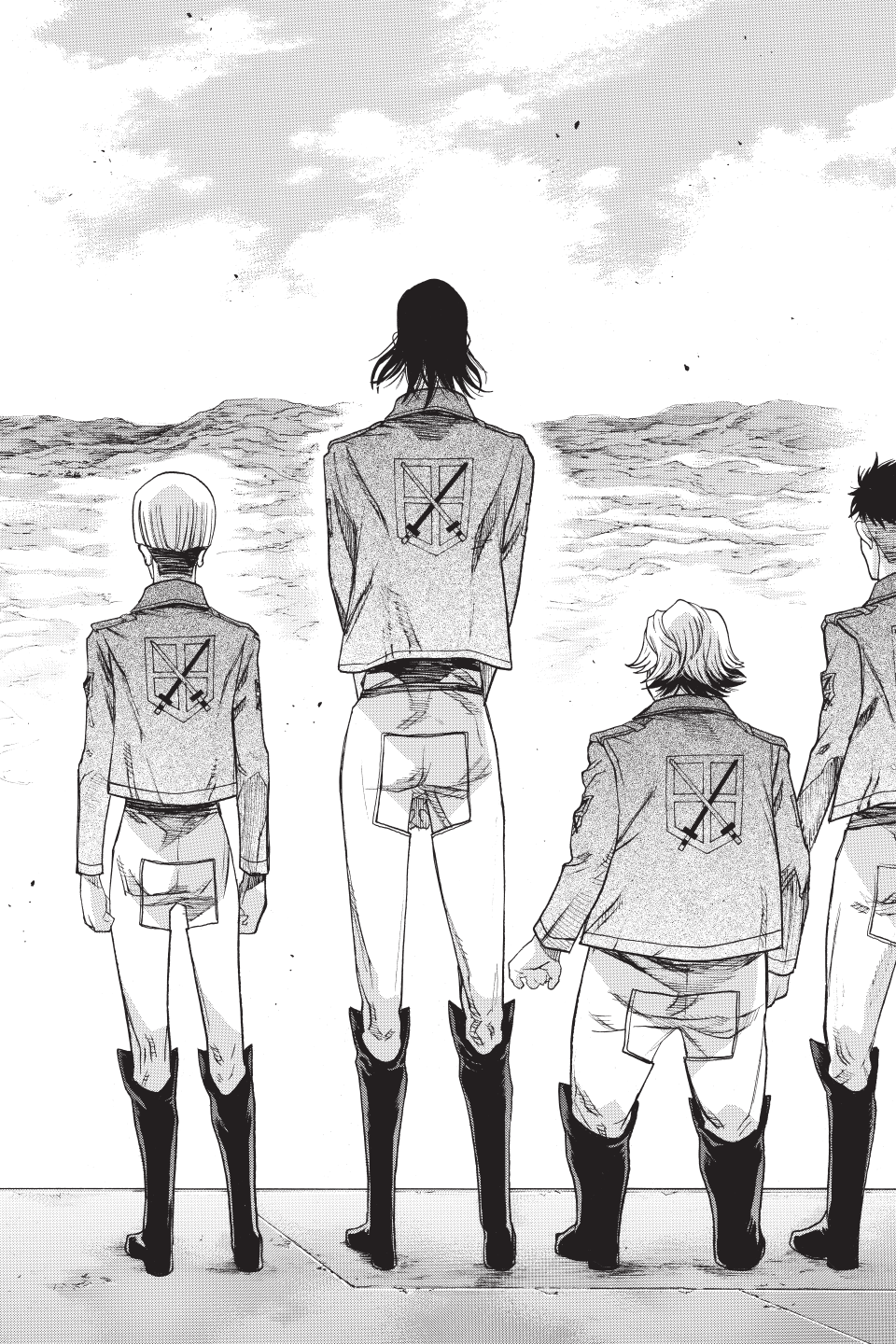

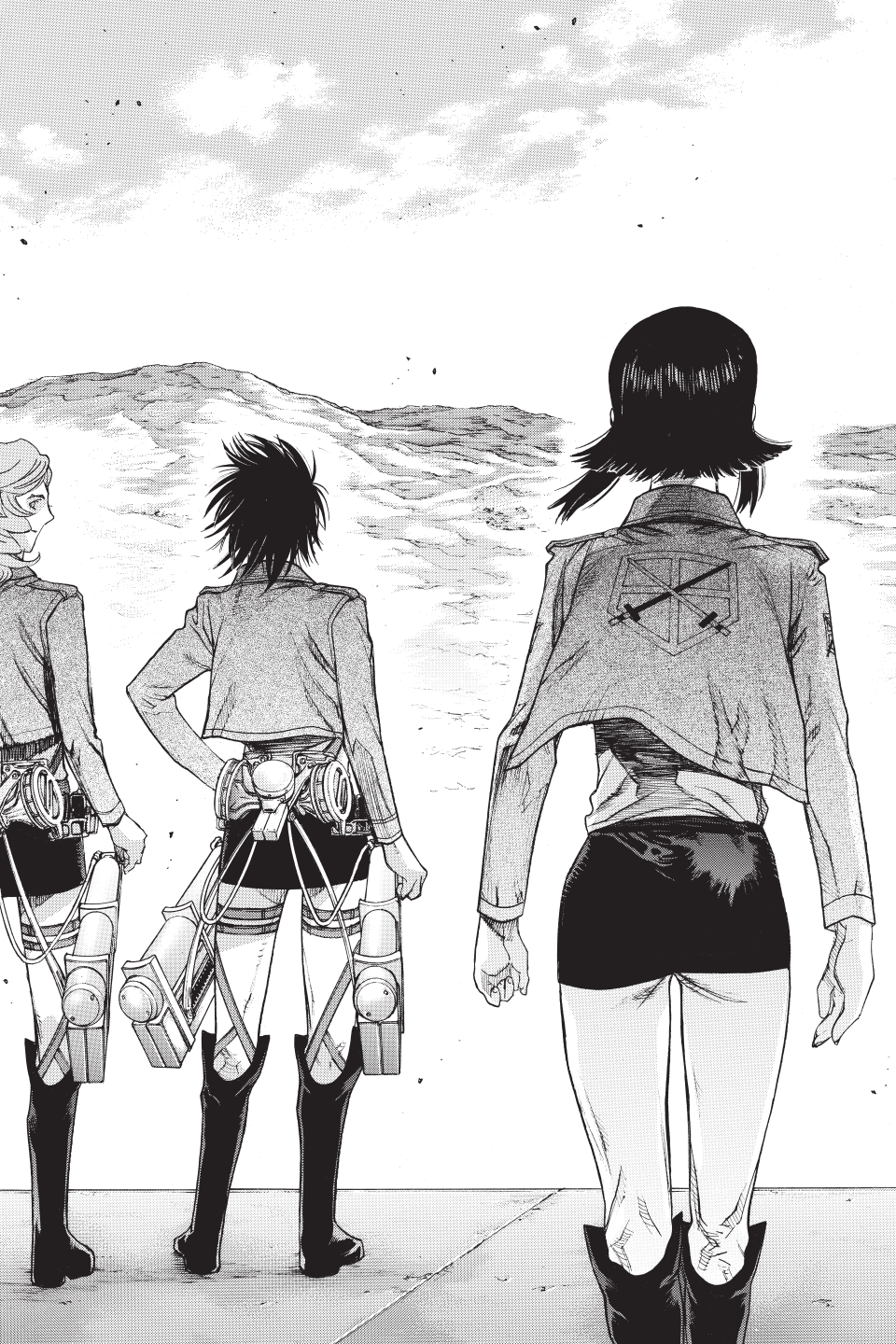

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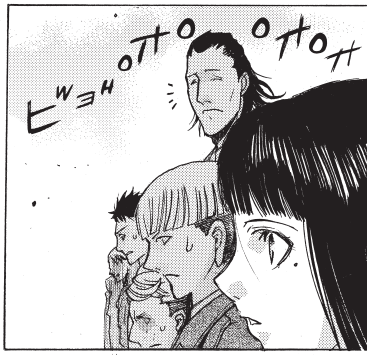
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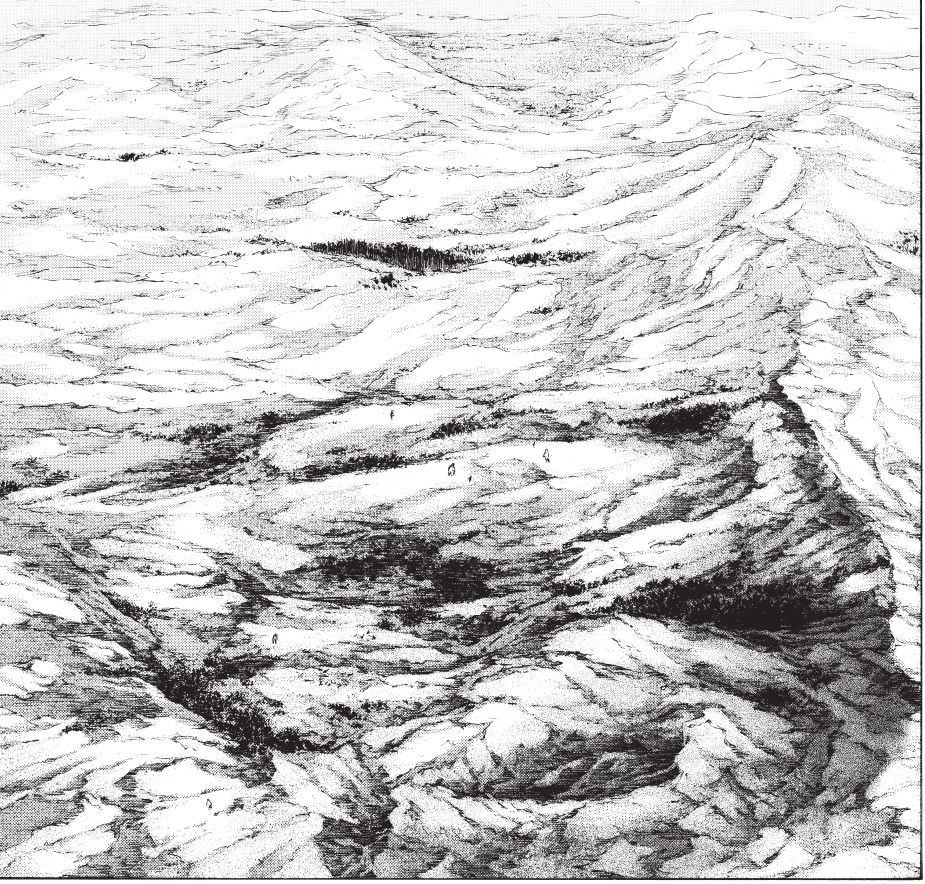
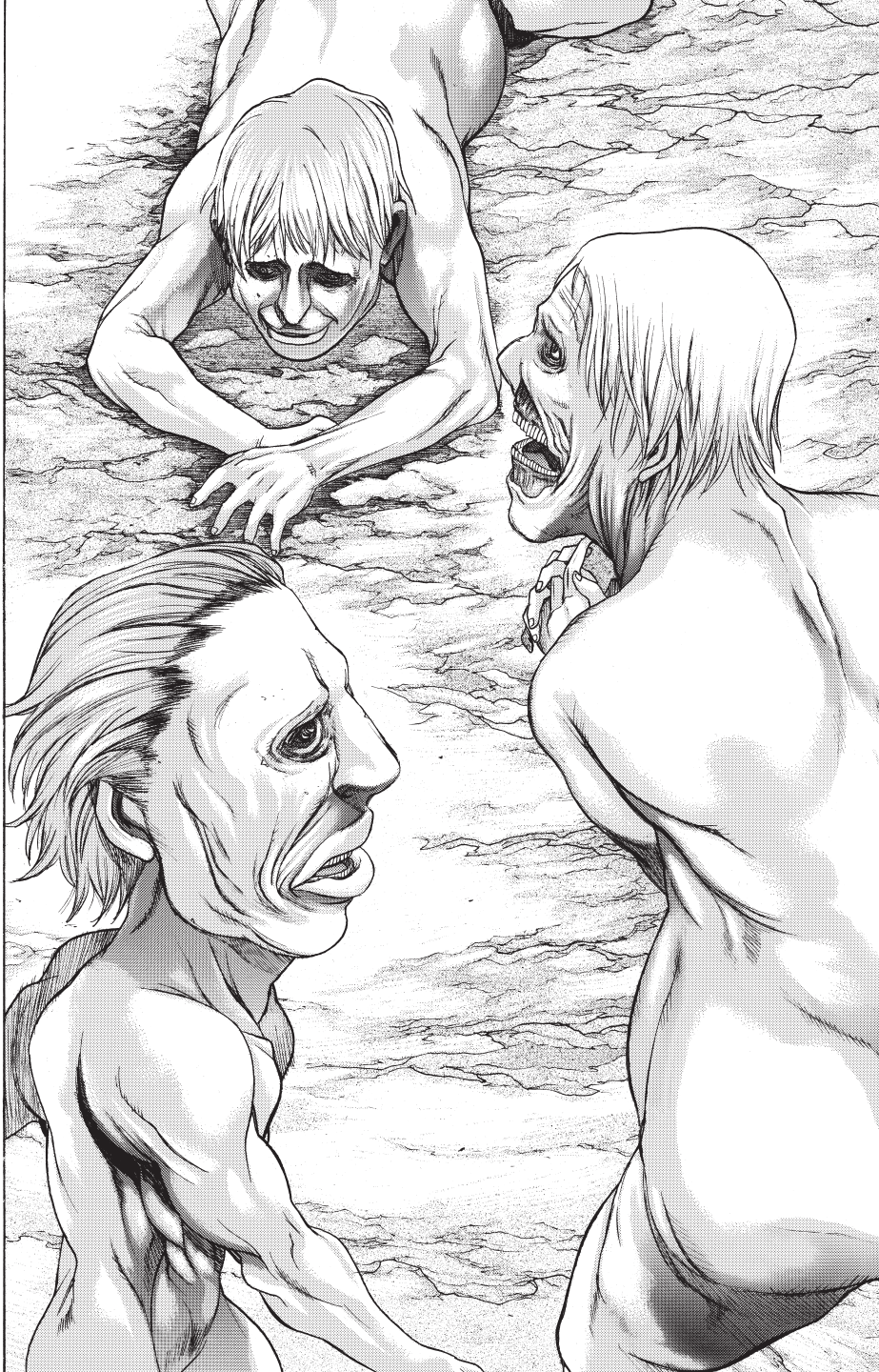
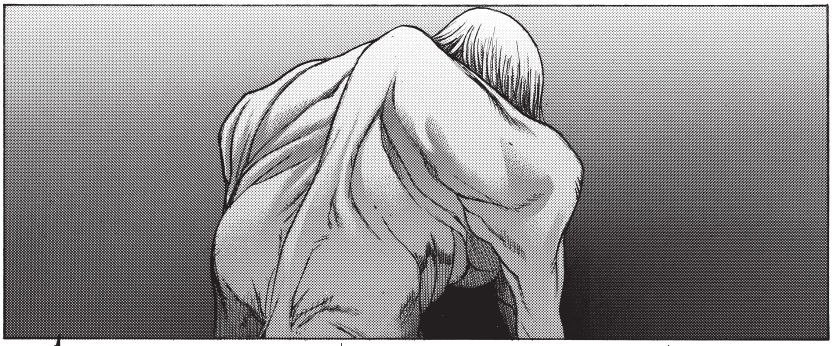
...IS THE OUTSIDE WORLD...

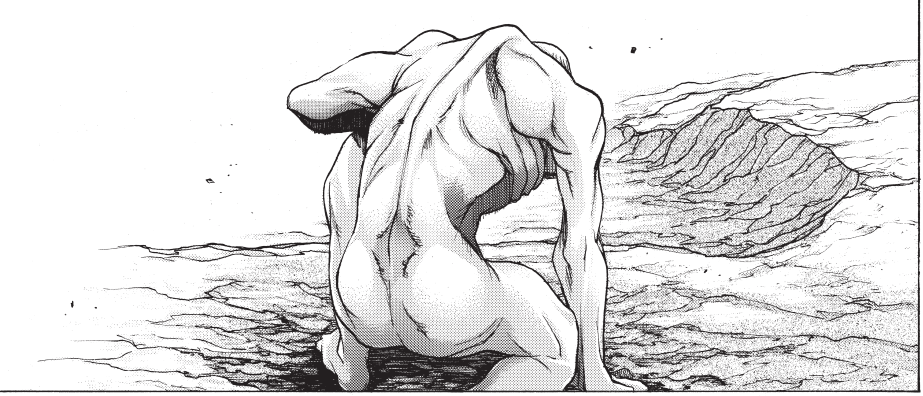


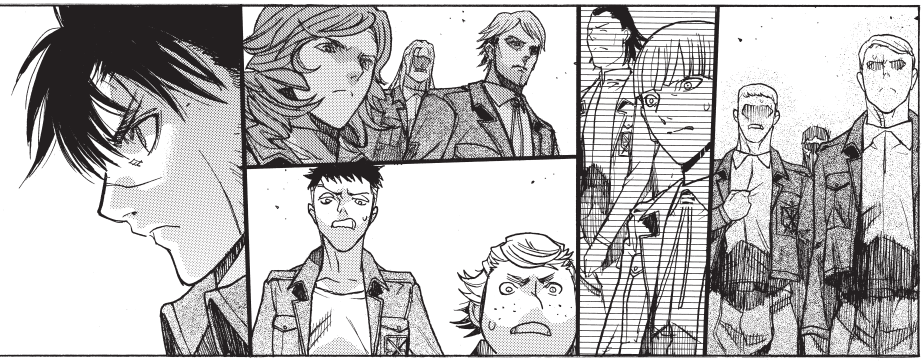


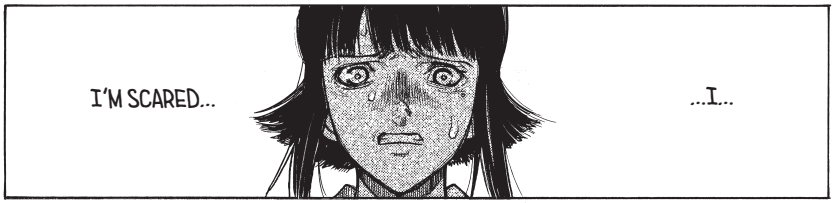
THEY'RE... HARDLY DIFFERENT FROM PEOPLE...
THOSE... ARE TITANS...?
...NO... WAIT...
!
THAT SMALLEST ONE DOWN THERE IS STILL THREE METERS TALL.

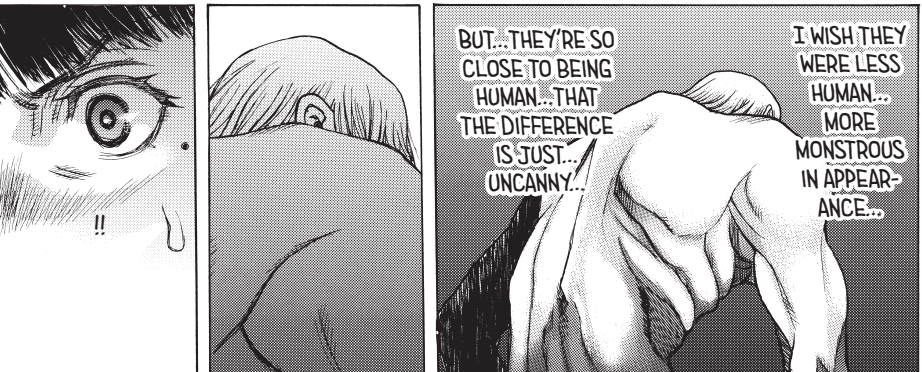
AND THE BIGGEST ONE IN THE BACK IS TEN METERS.








I'M SCARED...
...I...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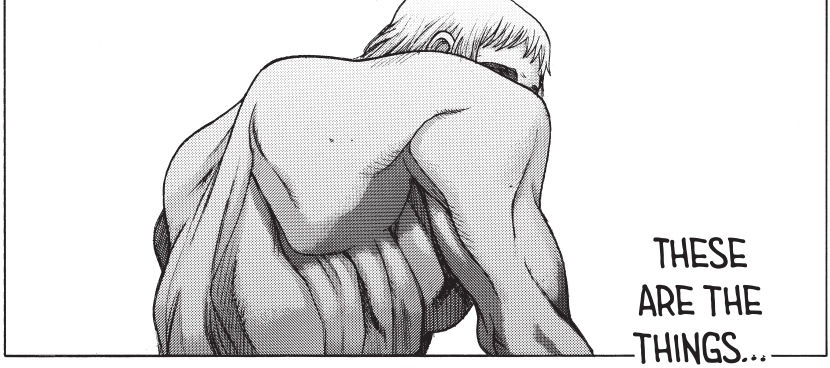
BUT...THEY'RE SO CLOSE TO BEING HUMAN...THAT THE DIFFERENCE IS JUST... UNCANNY...
I WISH THEY WERE LESS HUMAN... MORE MONSTROUS IN APPEAR-ANCE...


THESE ARE THE THINGS...

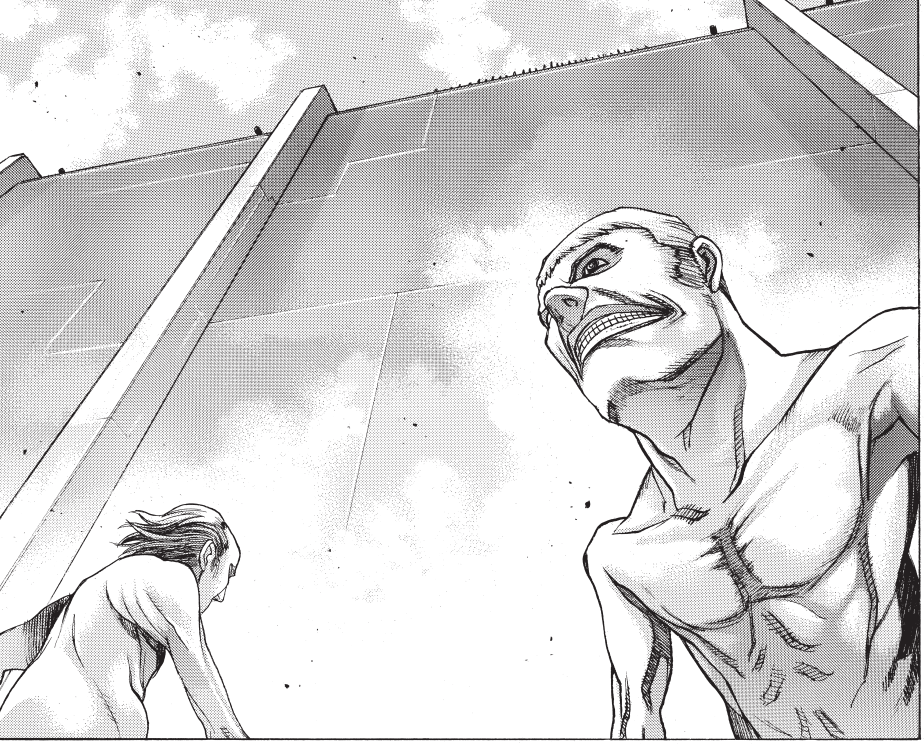
THAT KILLED DAD...
...THAT KILLED KUKLO'S DAD...

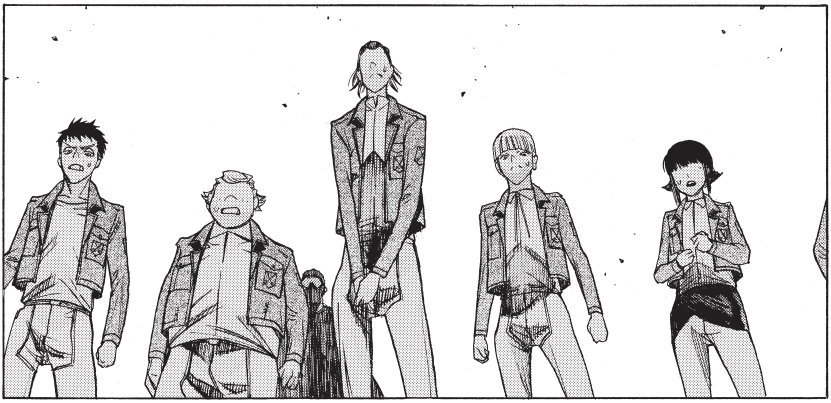
...AND ATE HIM...

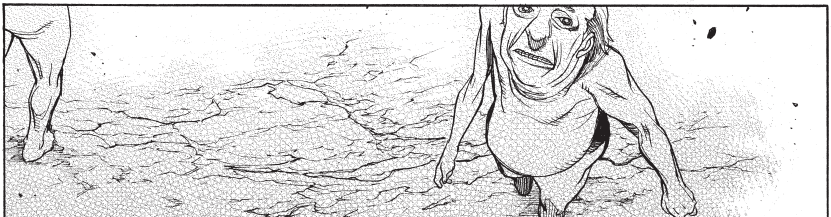
Chapter 49: Beyond the Boundary · End

ATTACK ON TITAN

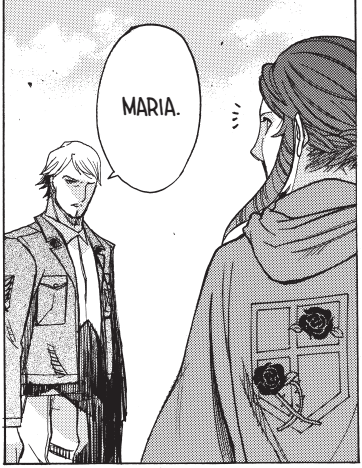
BEFORE THE FALL







Chapter 50: Labyrinth of the Demon's Womb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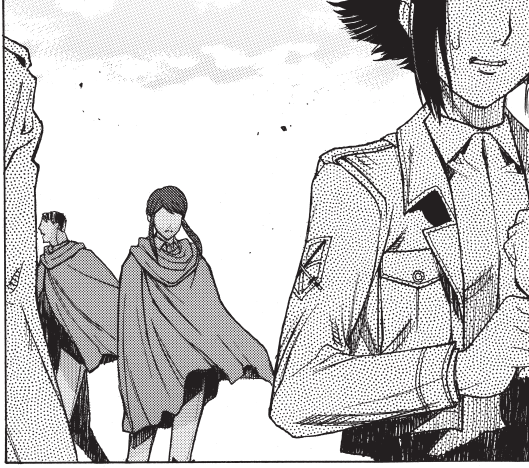
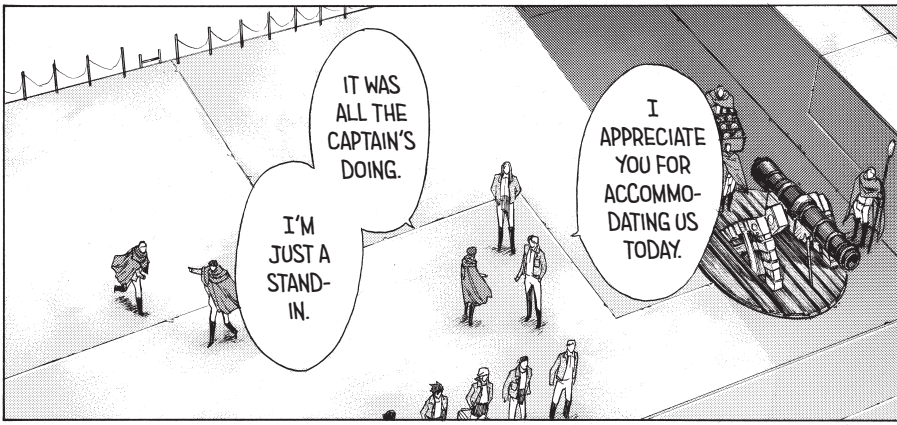
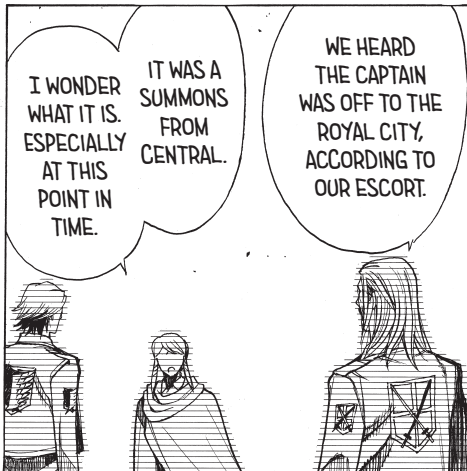
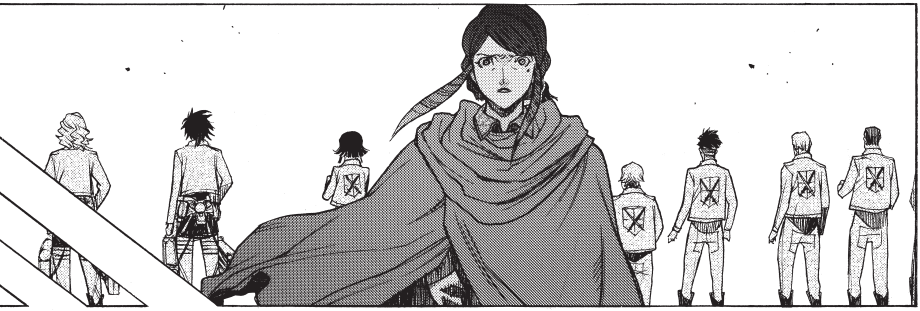



IT WAS ALL THE CAPTAIN'S DOING.
I'M JUST A STAND-IN.
I APPRECIATE YOU FOR ACCOMMO-DATING US TODAY.

WHAT?
DO YOU KNOW SOME-THING?


I WONDER WHAT IT IS. ESPECIALLY AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
IT WAS A SUMMONS FROM CENTRAL.
WE HEARD THE CAPTAIN WAS OFF TO THE ROYAL CITY, ACCORDING TO OUR ESCORT.

THEY'RE MOST LIKELY SCHEMING TO DO JUST THAT.
THERE'S A MOVEMENT UNDERWAY TO BREAK UP THE SURVEY CORPS.



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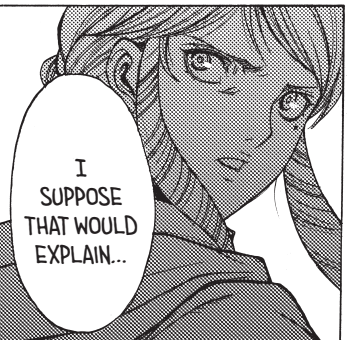
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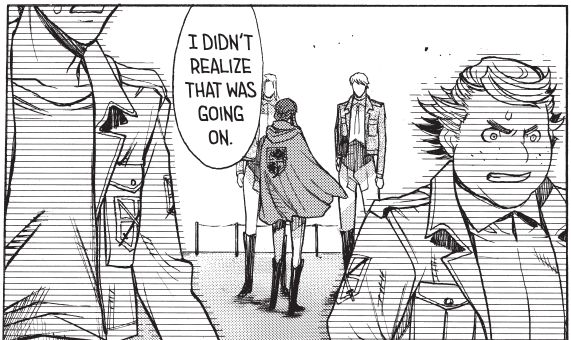
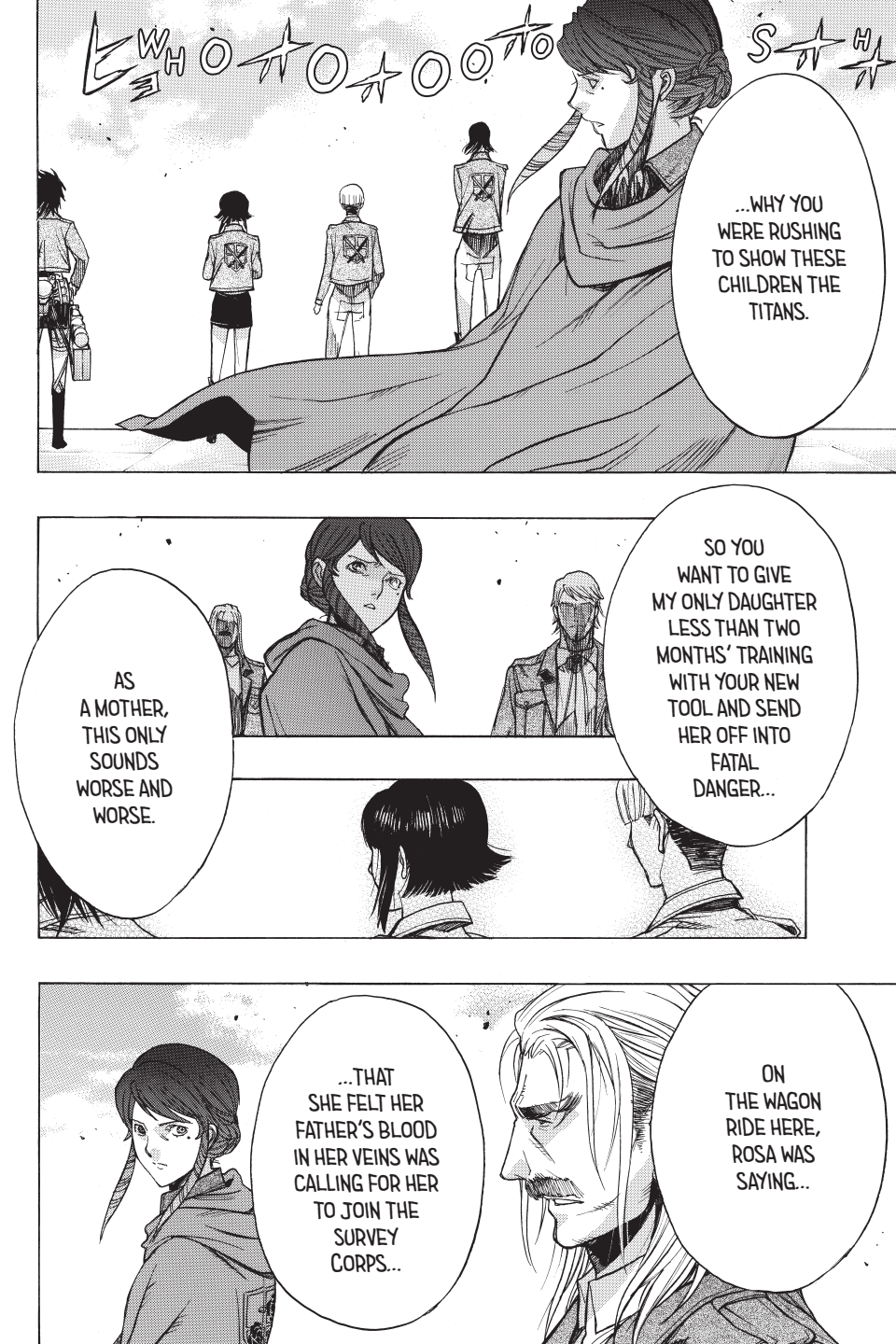
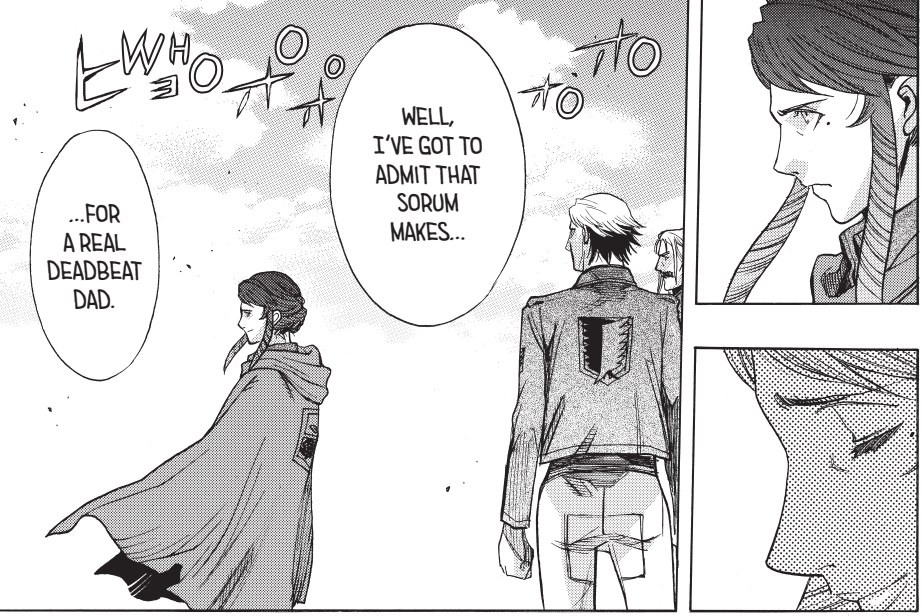
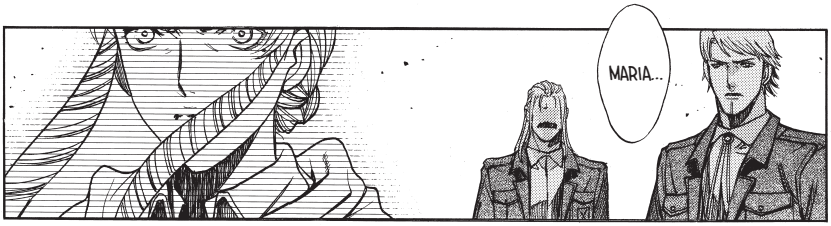

I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WAS GOING ON.


...WHY YOU WERE RUSHING TO SHOW THESE CHILDREN THE TITANS.
SO YOU WANT TO GIVE MY ONLY DAUGHTER LESS THAN TWO MONTHS' TRAINING WITH YOUR NEW TOOL AND SEND HER OFF INTO FATAL DANGER...
AS A MOTHER, THIS ONLY SOUNDS WORSE AND WORSE.
ON THE WAGON RIDE HERE, ROSA WAS SAYING...
...THAT SHE FELT HER FATHER'S BLOOD IN HER VEINS WAS CALLING FOR HER TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...


WELL, I'VE GOT TO ADMIT THAT SORUM MAKES...
...FOR A REAL DEADBEAT DAD.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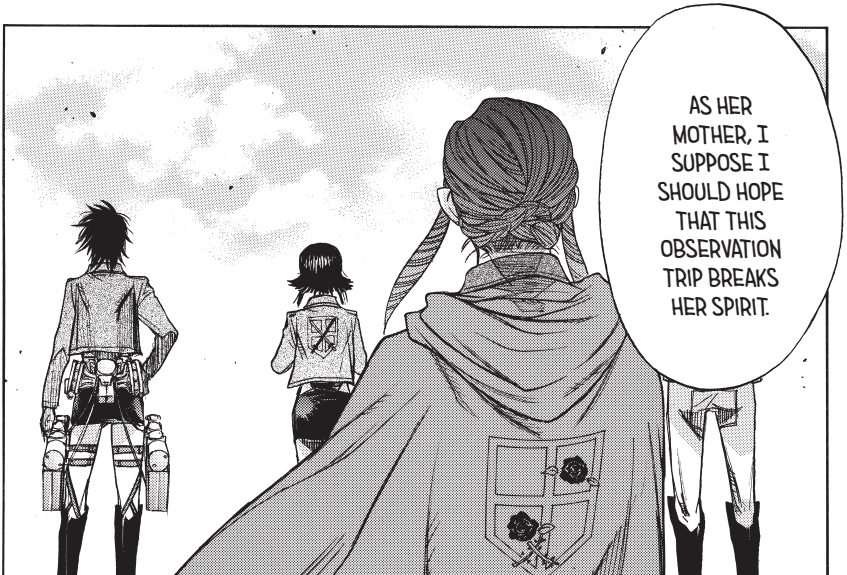
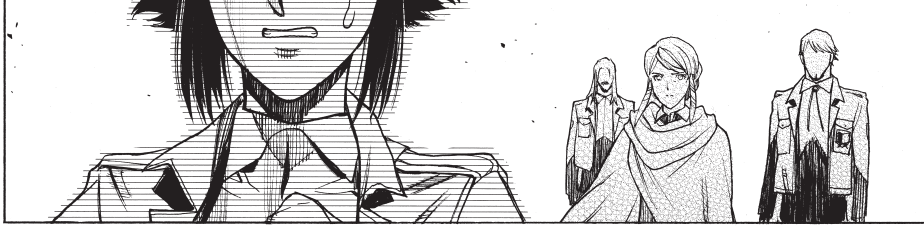
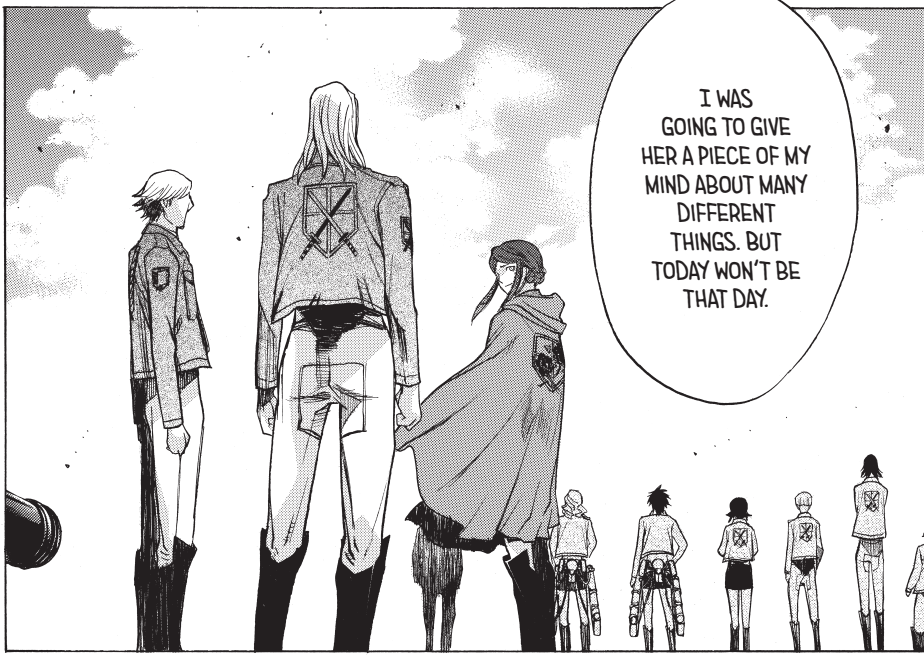
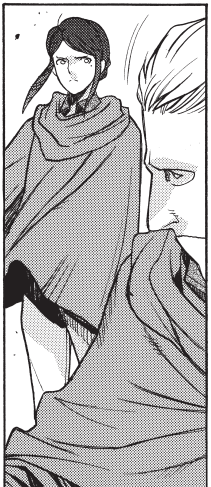
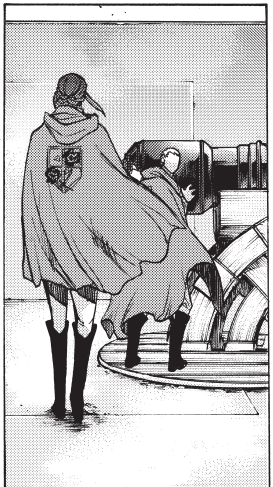
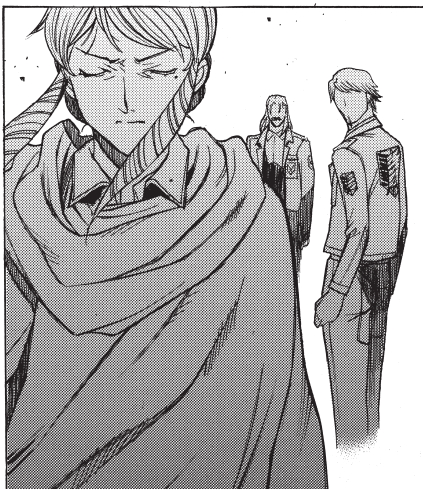

AS HER MOTHER, I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HOPE THAT THIS OBSERVATION TRIP BREAKS HER SPIRIT.

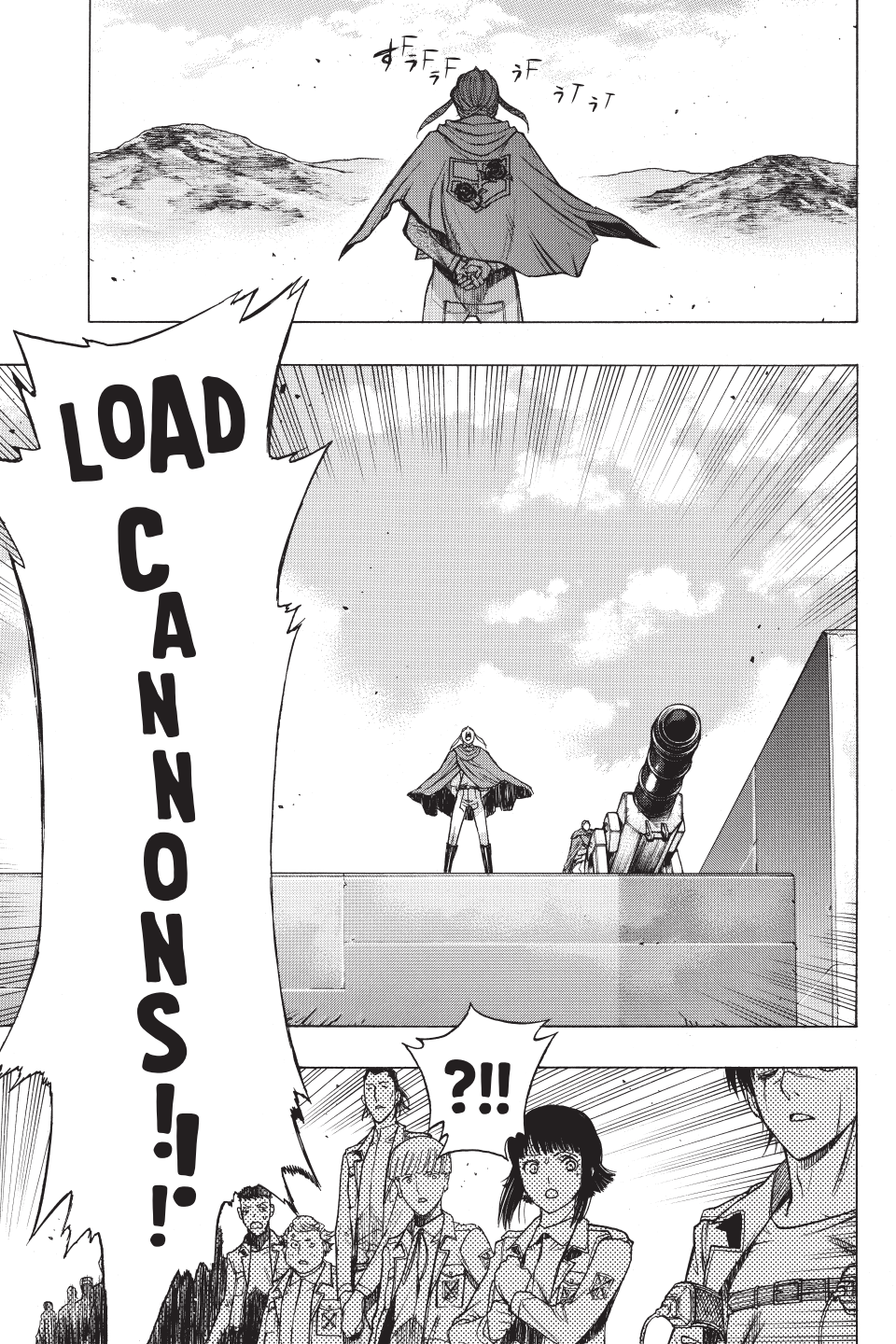



I WAS GOING TO GIVE HER A PIECE OF MY MIND ABOUT MANY DIFFERENT THINGS. BUT TODAY WON'T BE THAT DAY.





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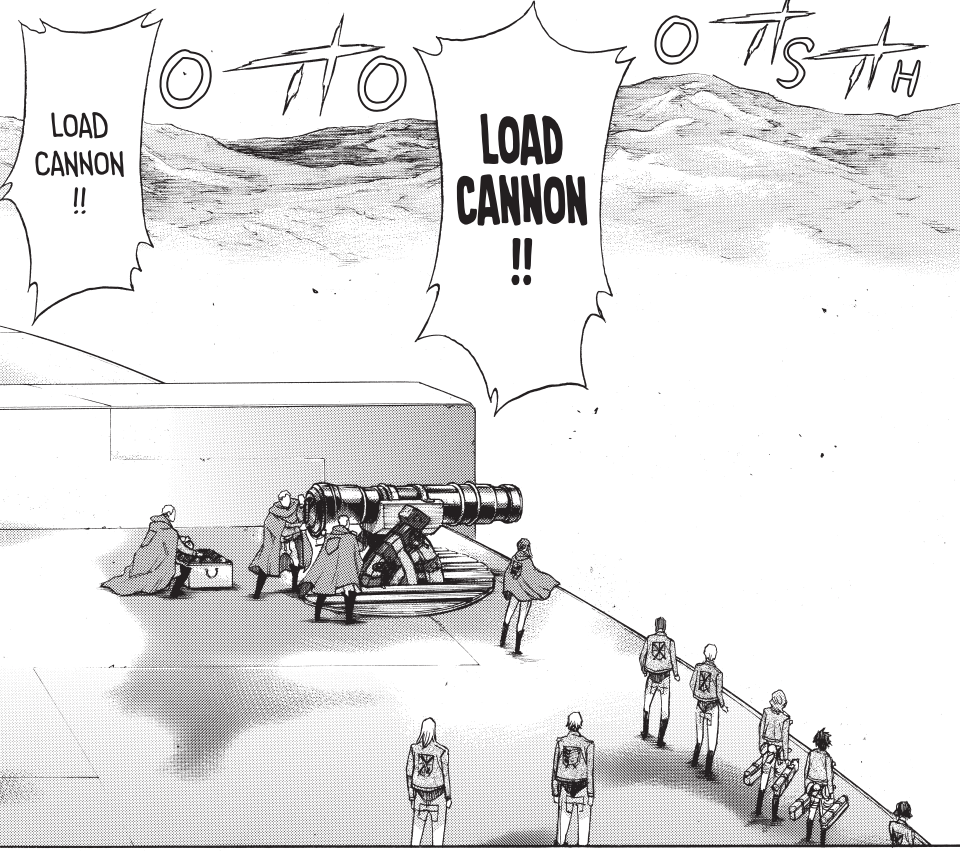
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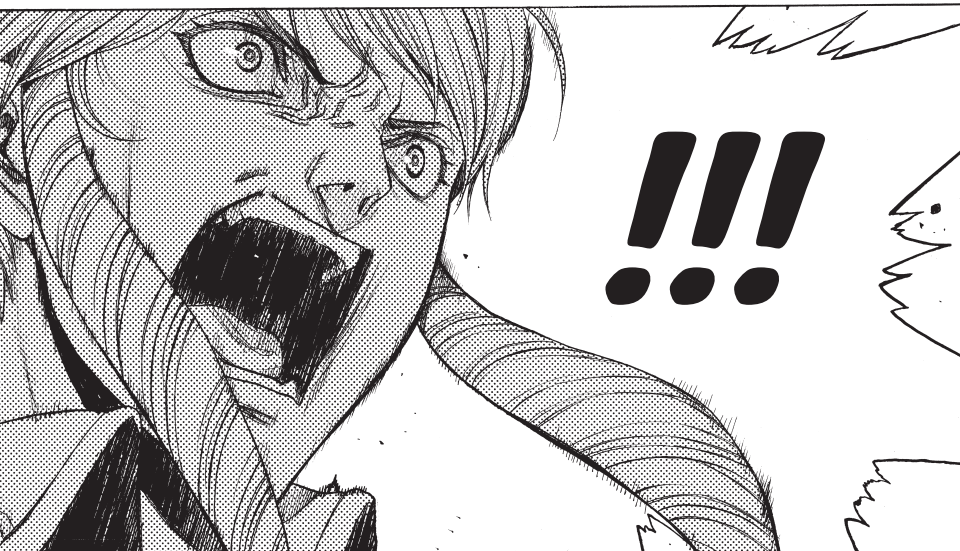
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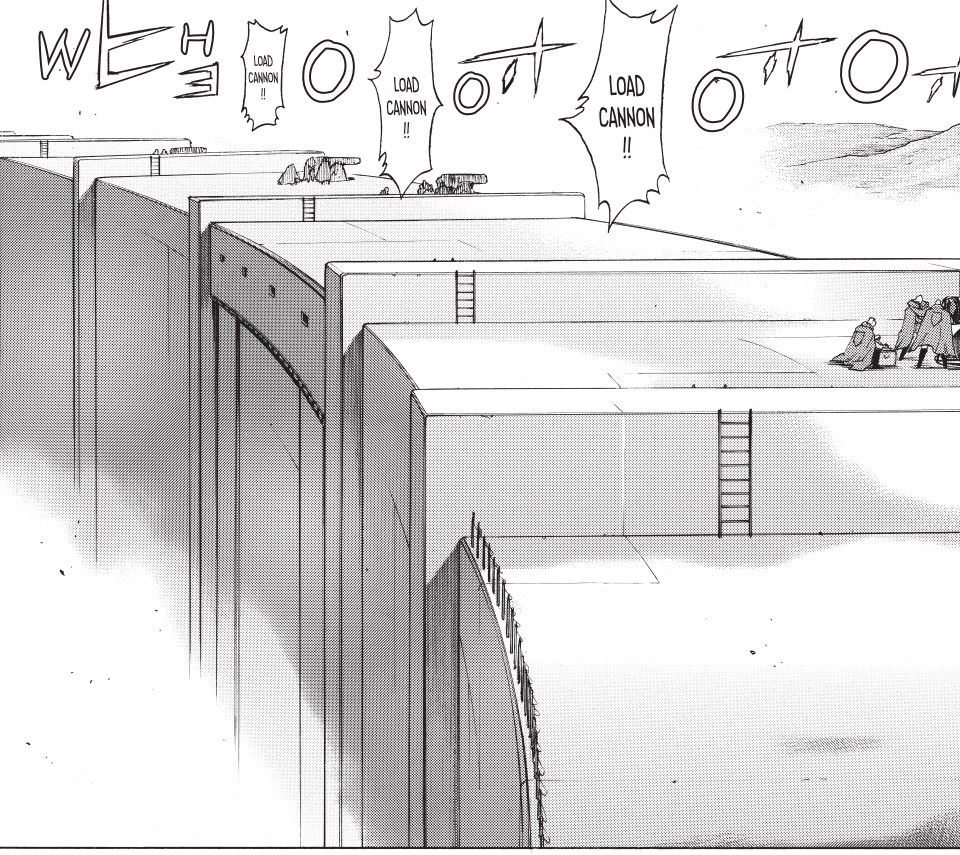
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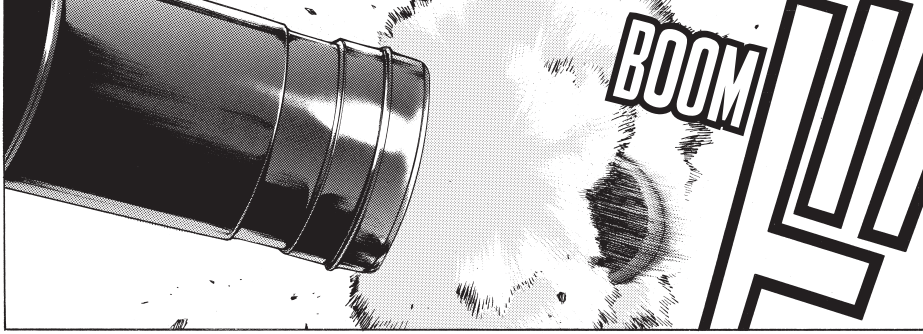
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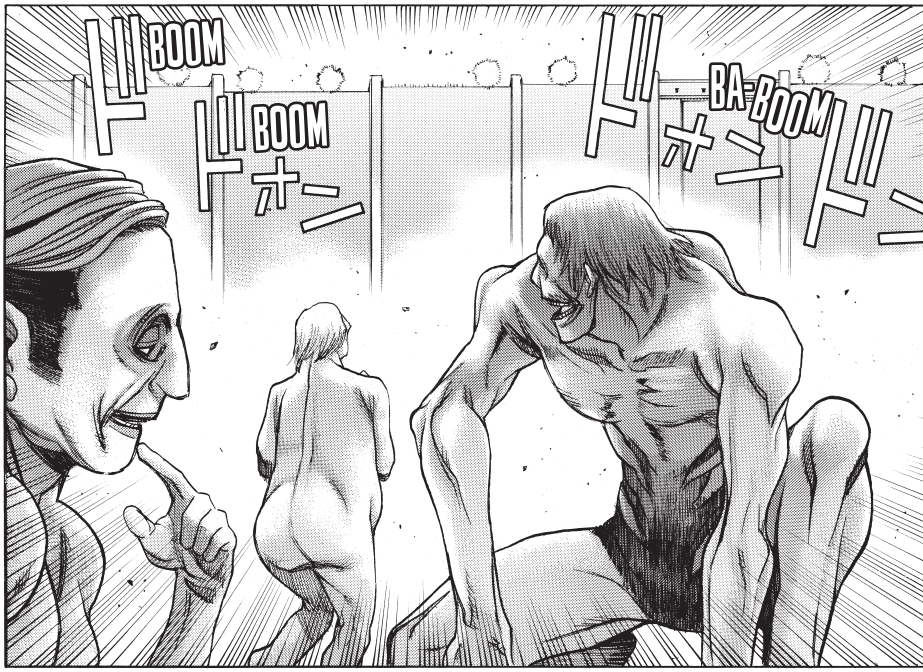
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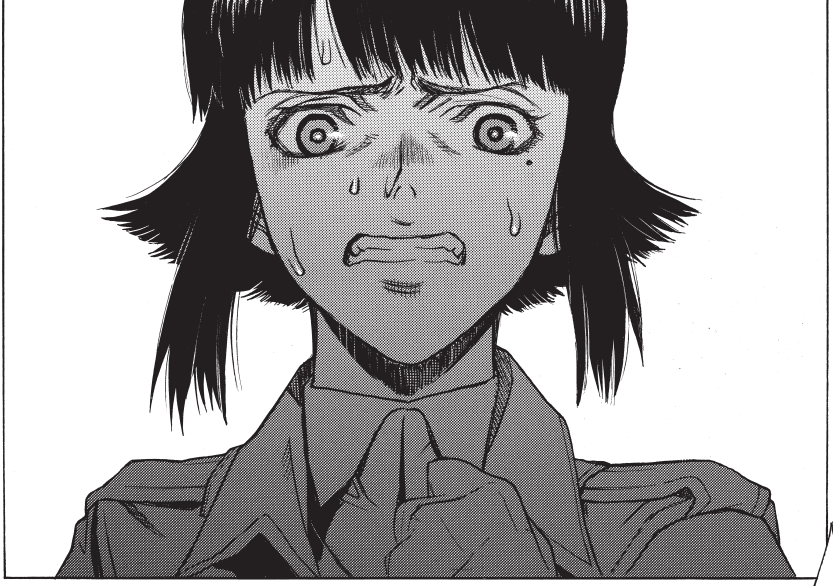

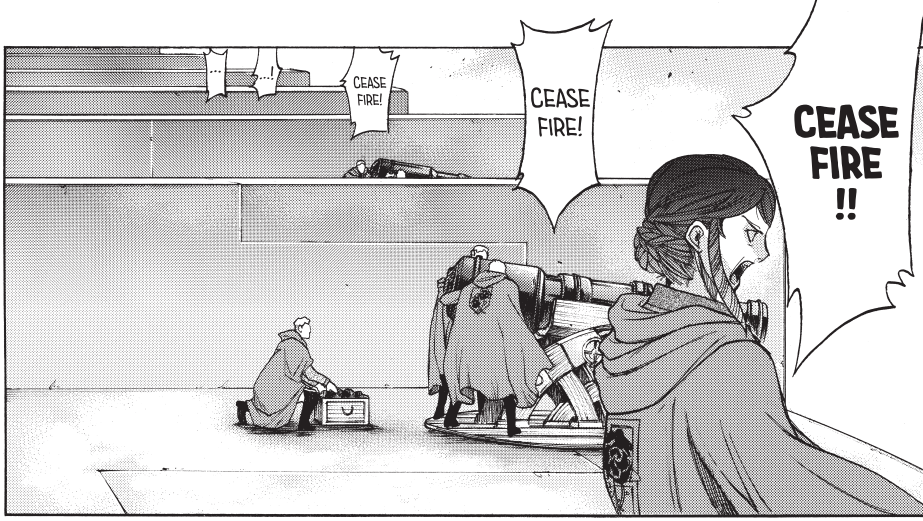
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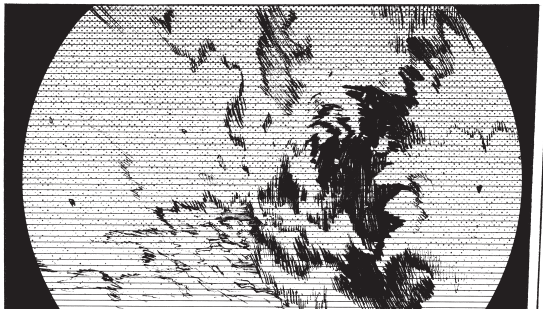
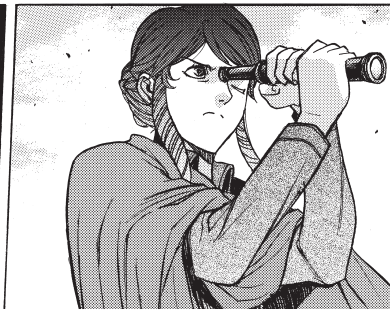
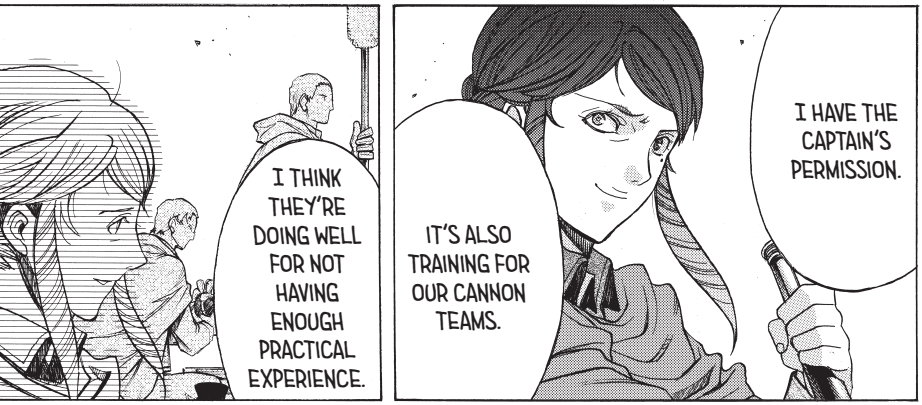
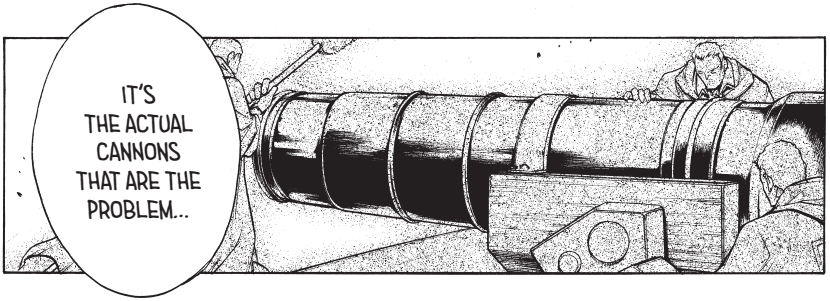
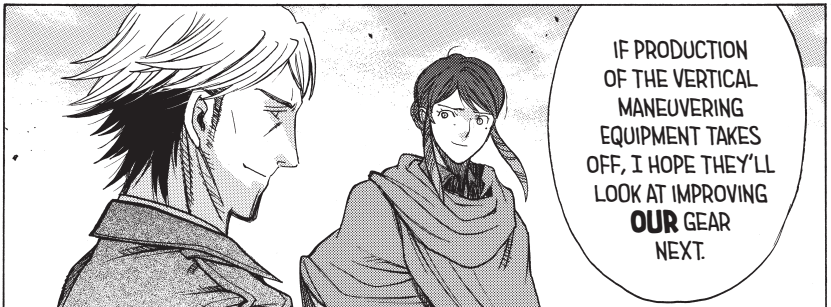




I APPRECIATE THAT DEMONSTRATION OF CANNON FIRE AGAINST THE TITANS FOR OUR TRAINEES' SAKE...
YOU WEREN'T JUST WASTING THOSE CANNONBALLS, WERE YOU?


I HAVE THE CAPTAIN'S PERMISSION.
IT'S ALSO TRAINING FOR OUR CANNON TEAMS.
I THINK THEY'RE DOING WELL FOR NOT HAVING ENOUGH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.


IT'S THE ACTUAL CANNONS THAT ARE THE PROBLEM...


IF PRODUCTION OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT TAKES OFF, I HOPE THEY'LL LOOK AT IMPROVING **OUR** GEAR NEXT.

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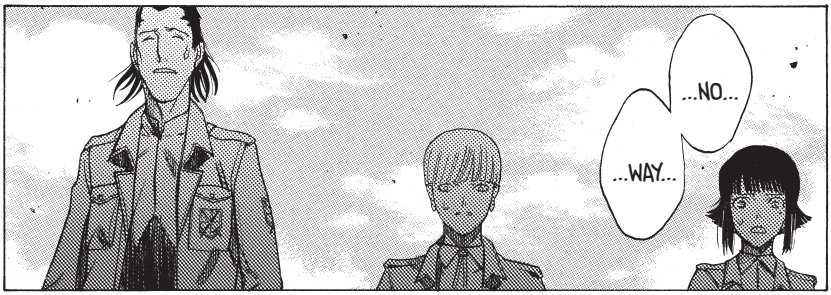
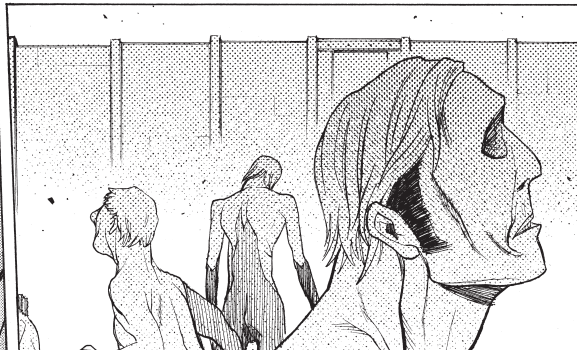

...NO...
...WAY...

THAT'S... CRAZY...



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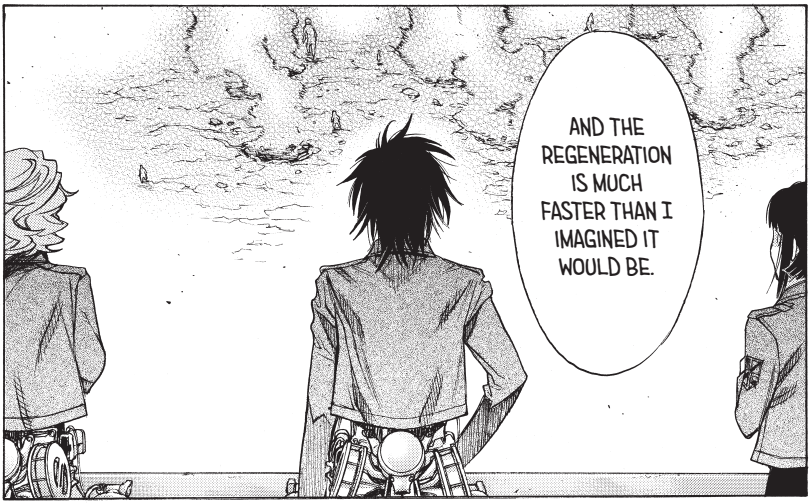
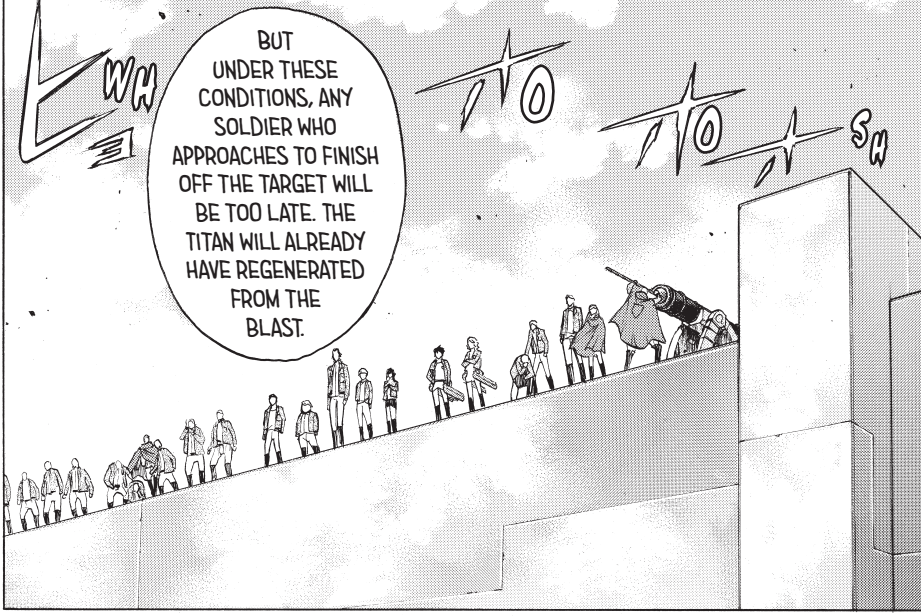
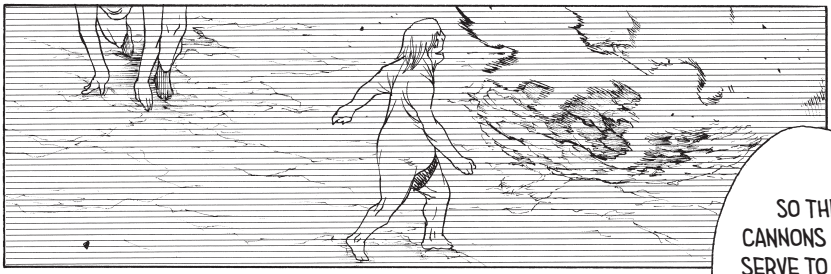
RIGHT...
IT'S NOT HEALING...AS MUCH AS IT IS REGENERATION, I THINK.

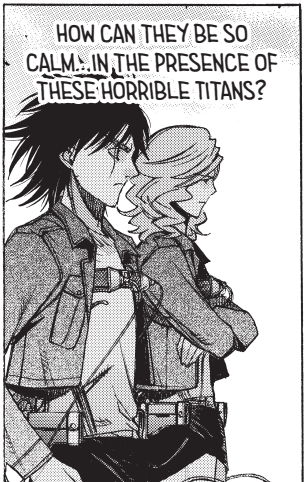

AND THE REGENERATION IS MUCH FASTER THAN I IMAGINED IT WOULD BE.

BECAUSE THE ACCURACY OF THE CANNONS ISN'T THE BEST, IT WILL REQUIRE A FAIR DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TARGET AND ANY SOLDIERS ON THE GROUND.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
INDEED. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEMPT A COMBINED STRATEGY WITH CANNONS.

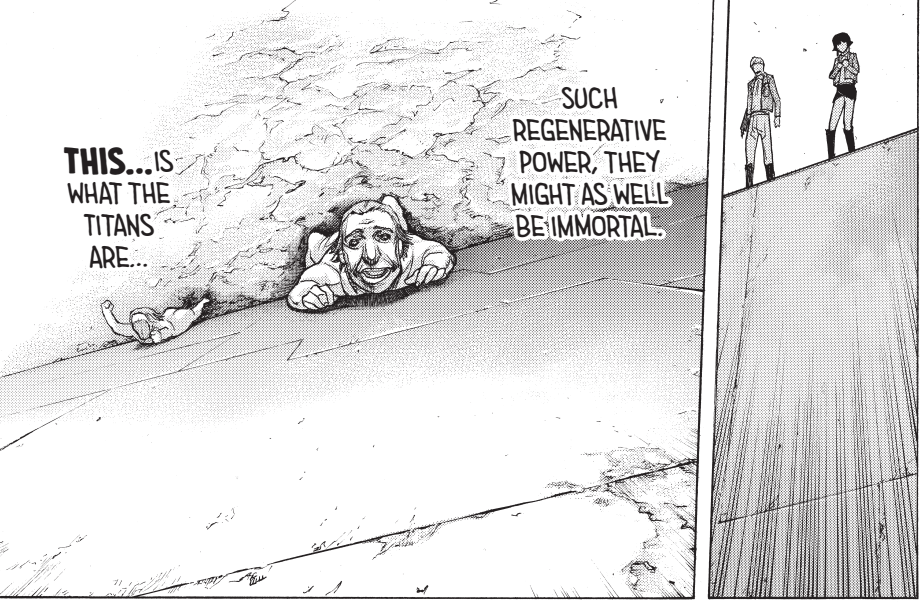

BUT UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, ANY SOLDIER WHO APPROACHES TO FINISH OFF THE TARGET WILL BE TOO LATE. THE TITAN WILL ALREADY HAVE REGENERATED FROM THE BLAST.

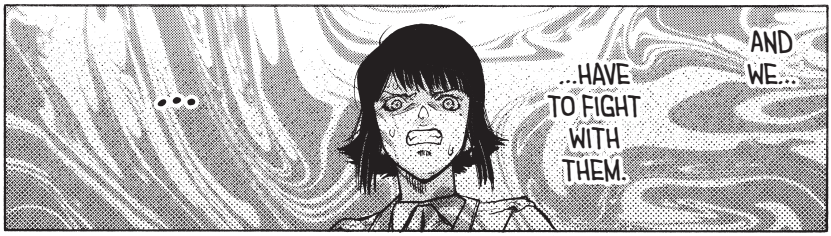



HOW CAN THEY BE SO CALM... IN THE PRESENCE OF THESE HORRIBLE TITANS?

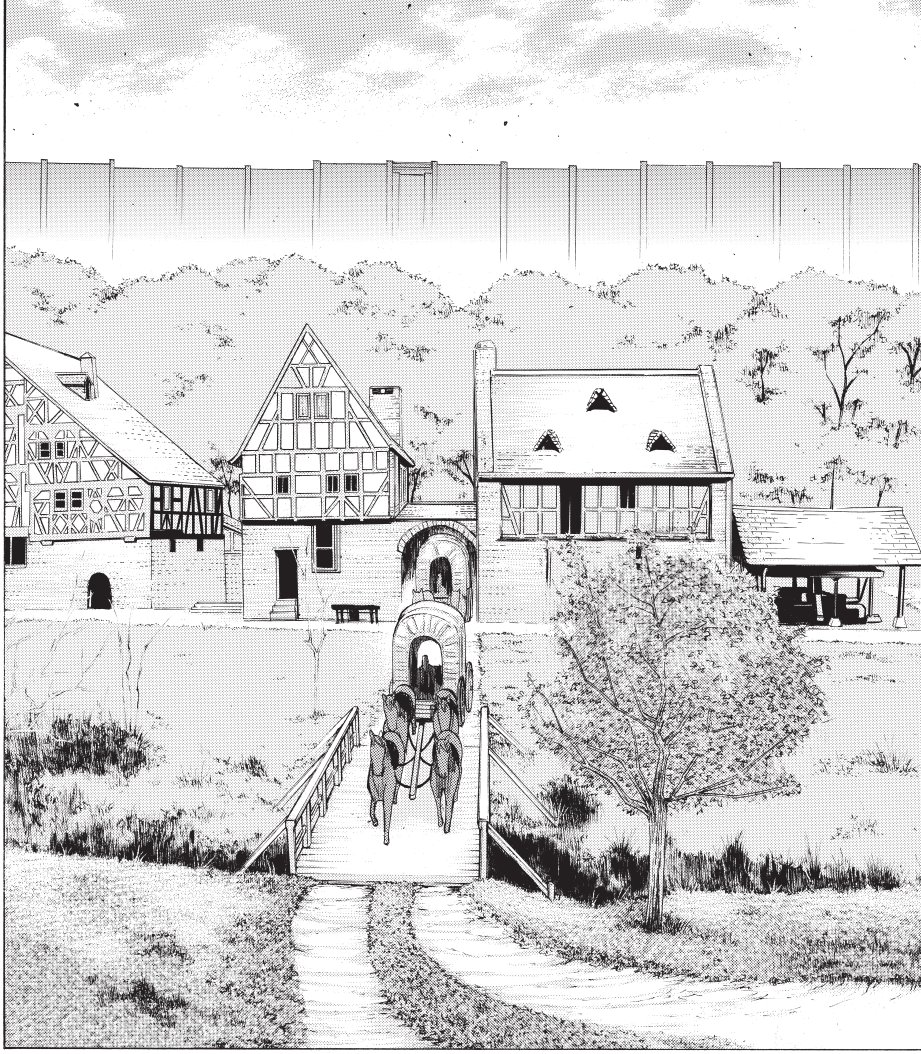
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEM...

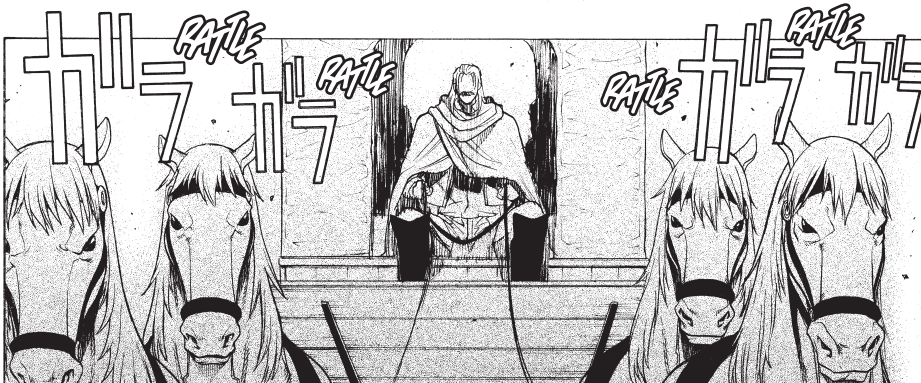
SO THE CANNONS ONLY SERVE TO KEEP THEM AT BAY DURING A RETREAT...
THAT'S TROUBLE-SOME.


THIS... IS WHAT THE TITANS ARE...
SUCH REGENERATIVE POWER, THEY MIGHT AS WELL BE IMMORTAL.


...
...HAVE TO FIGHT WITH THEM.
AND WE...

OUR ENEMY...

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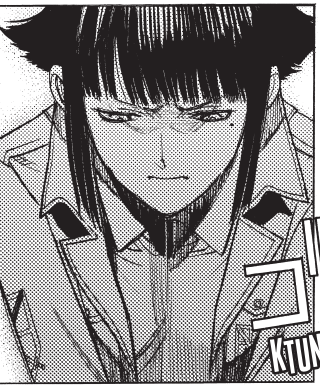
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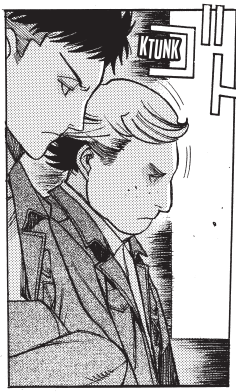
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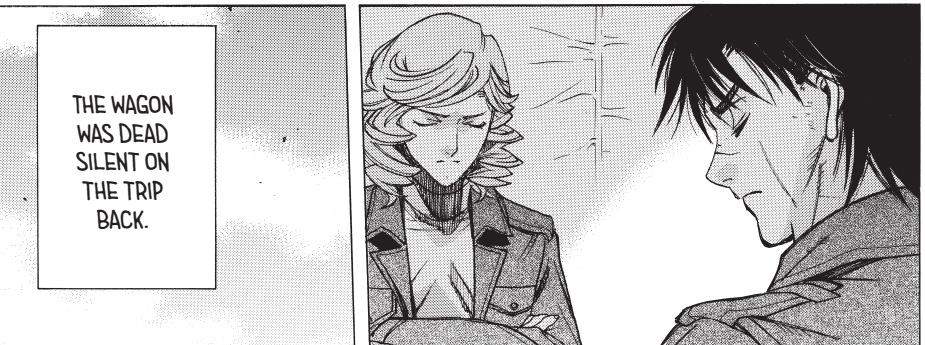
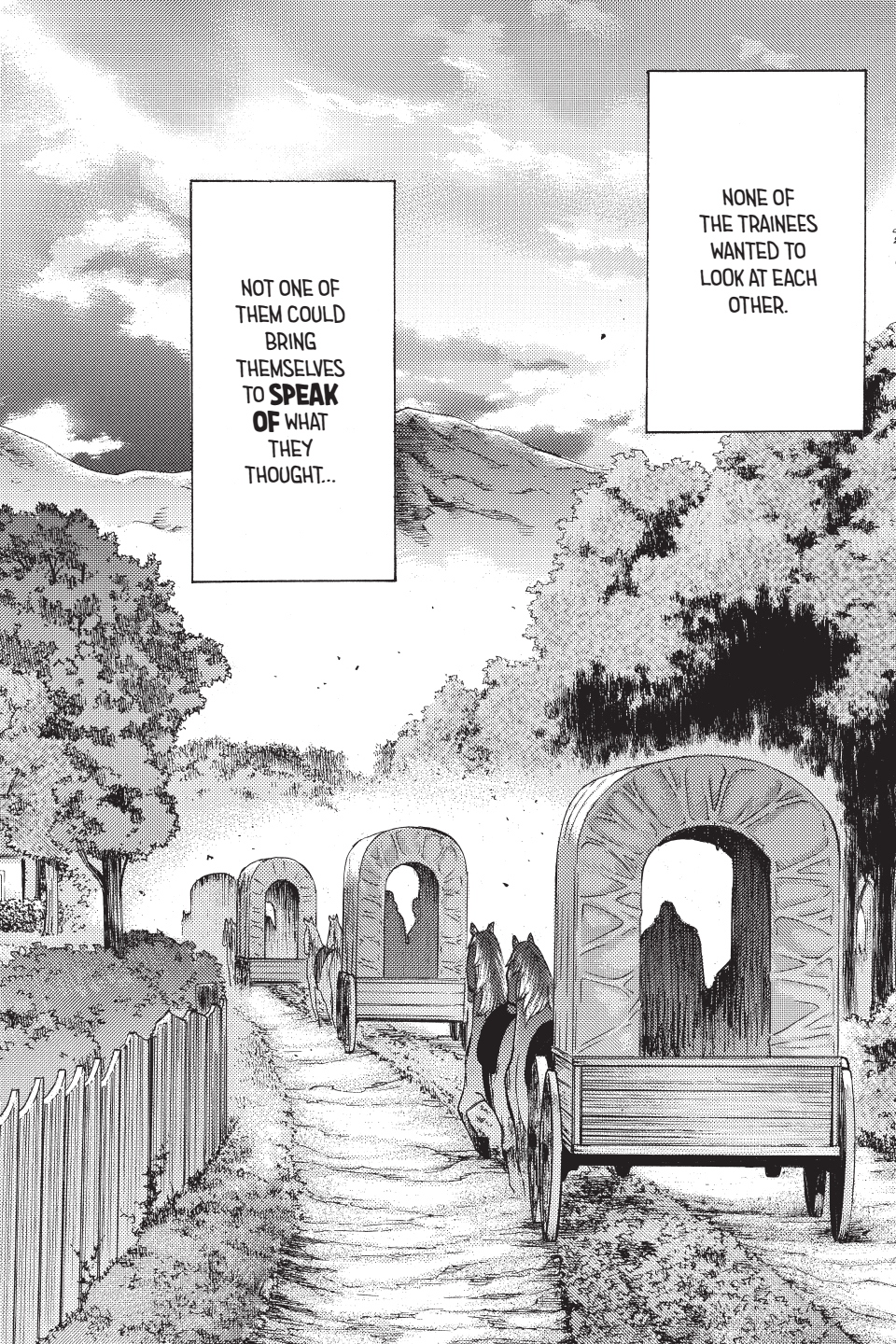
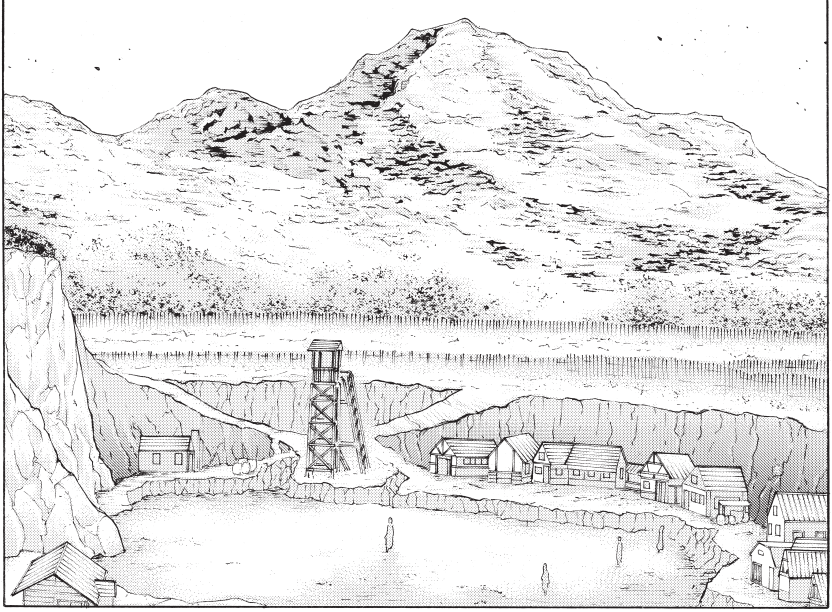

THE WAGON WAS DEAD SILENT ON THE TRIP BACK.


NOT ONE OF THEM COULD BRING THEMSELVES TO **SPEAK OF** WHAT THEY THOUGHT...
NONE OF THE TRAINEES WANTED TO LOOK AT EACH OTHER.

...ABOUT THEIR FIRST GLIMPSE OF TITANS.



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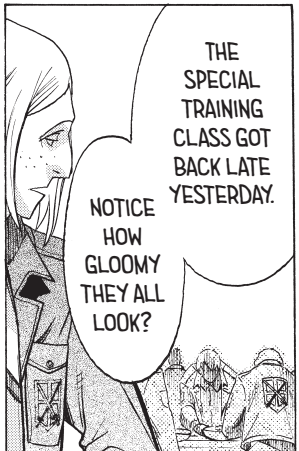
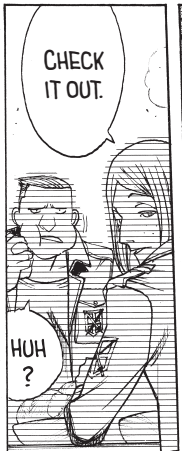

THE SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS GOT BACK LATE YESTERDAY.
NOTICE HOW GLOOMY THEY ALL LOOK?


CHECK IT OUT.
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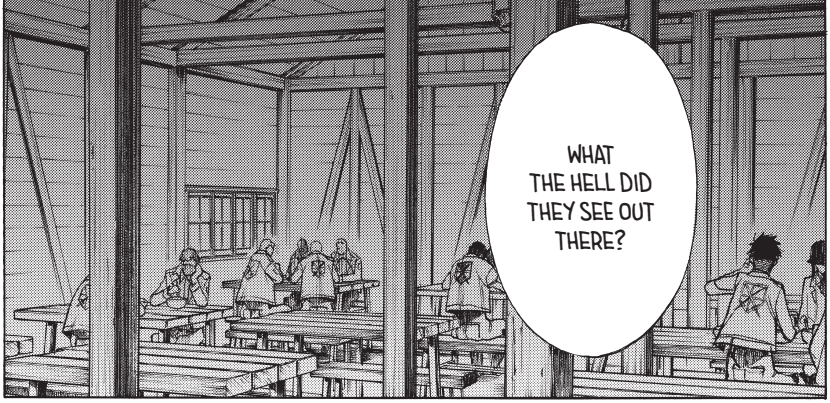
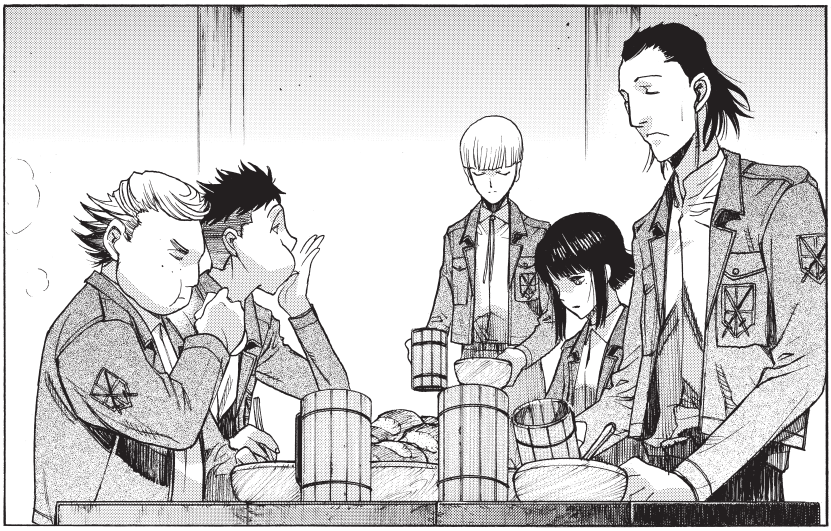

WHAT THE HELL DID THEY SEE OUT THERE?



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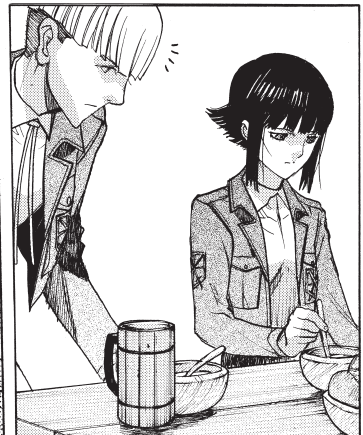
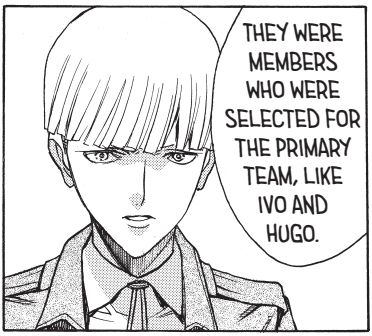
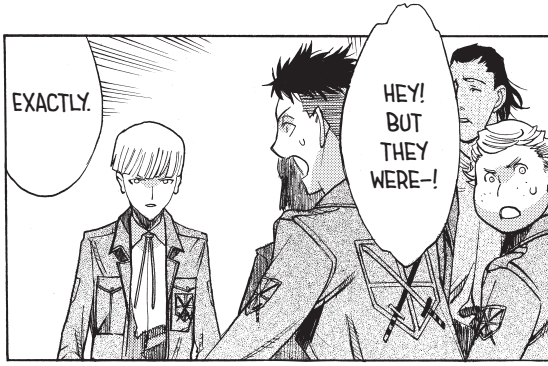
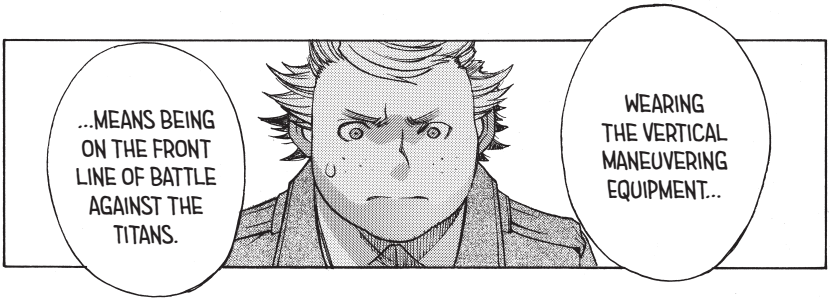


...EUGEN AND FRANZ WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SURVEY CORPS.

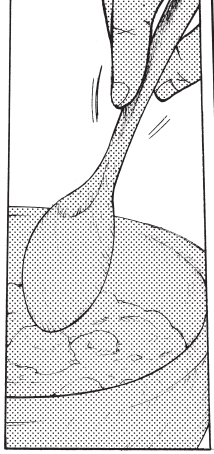

THEY WERE MEMBERS WHO WERE SELECTED FOR THE PRIMARY TEAM, LIKE IVO AND HUGO.

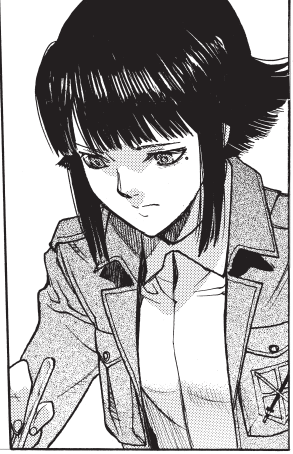

EXACTLY.
HEY! BUT THEY WERE-!

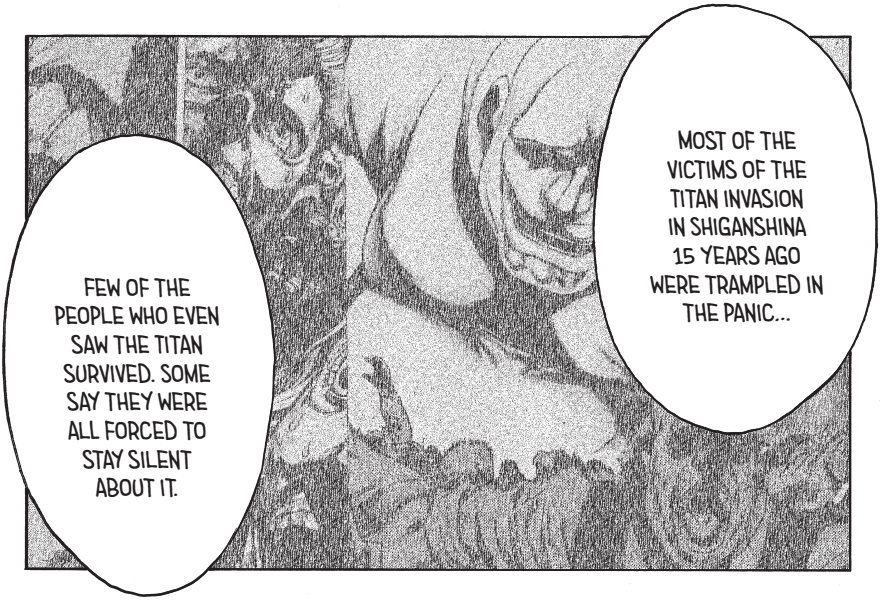

...MEANS BEING ON THE FRONT LINE OF BATTLE AGAINST THE TITANS.
WEARING THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT...

THAT'S WHAT IT BOILS DOWN TO.

IT MUST'VE BEEN THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE LEARNING ABOUT TITANS, TOO.






MOST OF THE VICTIMS OF THE TITAN INVASION IN SHIGANSHINA 15 YEARS AGO WERE TRAMPLED IN THE PANIC...
FEW OF THE PEOPLE WHO EVEN SAW THE TITAN SURVIVED. SOME SAY THEY WERE ALL FORCED TO STAY SILENT ABOUT IT.

OF COURSE, ANY ORDINARY CIVILIAN WHO LEARNS THE TRUTH OF THE TITANS WOULD BE TRAUMA-TIZED FOR LIFE.
SO I THINK THE GOVERNMENT HAD THE RIGHT IDEA THERE.

HUH?
IVO, HUGO. WHAT DO **YOU** GUYS THINK?

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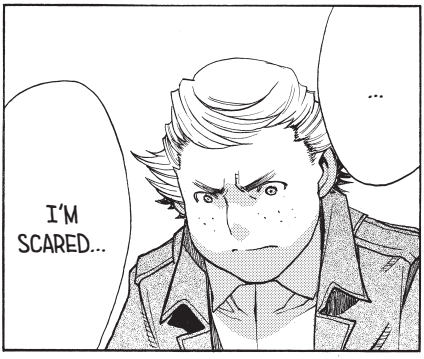
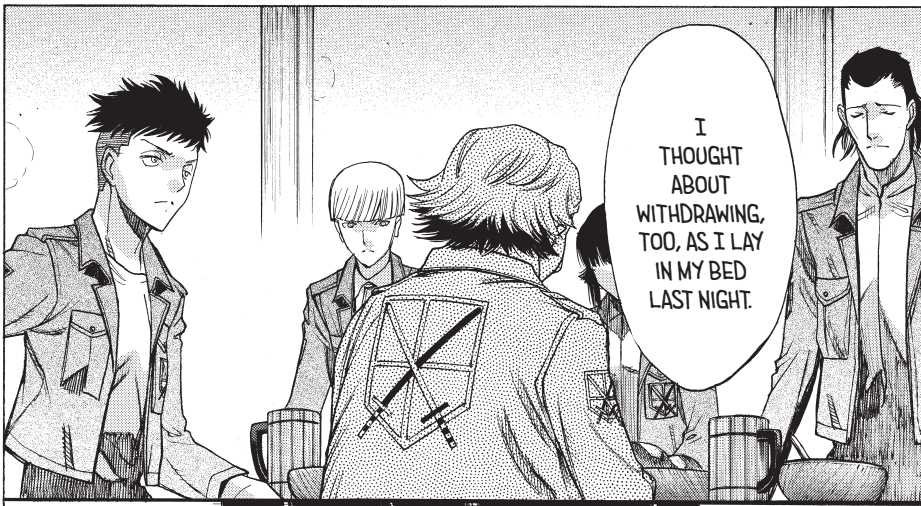
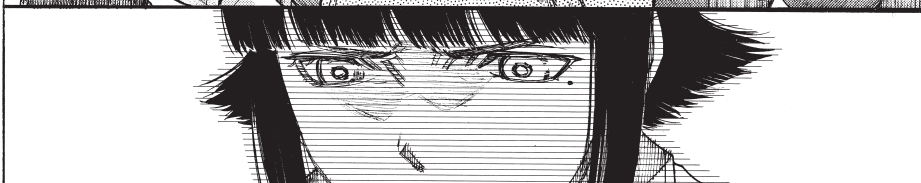

...
I'M SCARED...

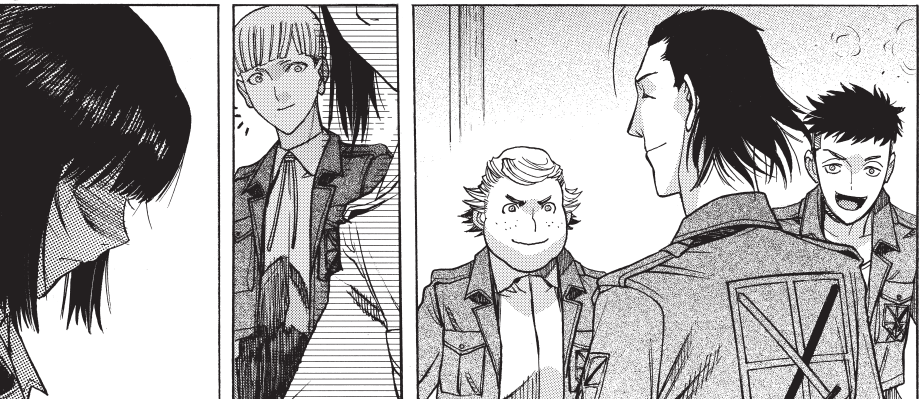
BE HONEST.


I THOUGHT ABOUT WITHDRAWING, TOO, AS I LAY IN MY BED LAST NIGHT.



THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE A SECOND THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
KUKLO AND CARDINA ARE ALMOST THE SAME AGE AS US, AREN'T THEY?
BUT!
...I SEE...

WHEN I CONSIDERED THE WAY THEY WERE ACTING, I FELT ASHAMED THAT I'D THOUGHT ABOUT RUNNING AWAY.
...OBSERVING THE TITANS AND DISCUSSING HOW TO BEAT THEM.
WHEN WE WERE UP ON WALL MARIA YESTERDAY, THEY WERE AS COOL AND COLLECTED AS CAN BE...



...AND TO SEE OUTSIDE THE WALLS, AND TRAVEL ACROSS THE UNCLAIMED WASTELAND, RIGHT?
BESIDES, WHY DID WE WANT TO BE IN THE SURVEY CORPS? TO BE HEROES OF THE PEOPLE...
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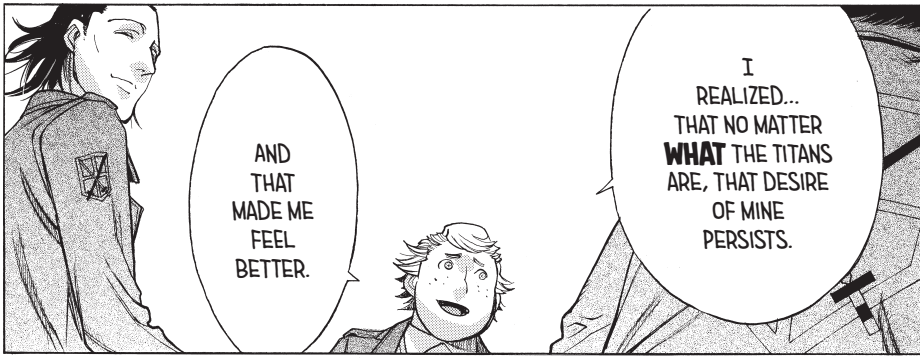
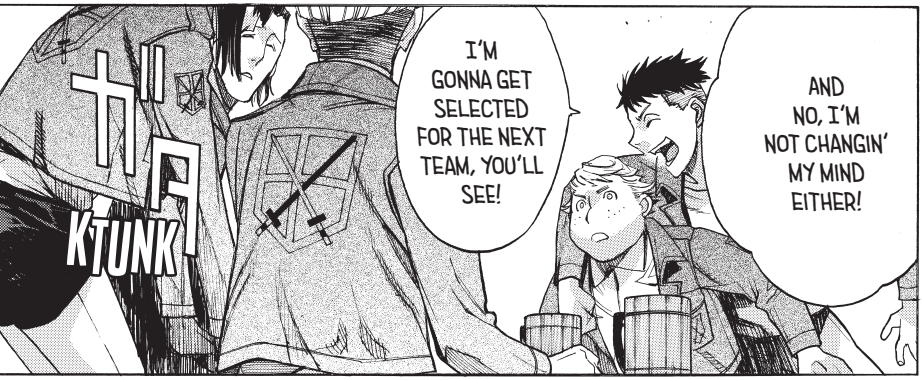

AND THAT MADE ME FEEL BETTER.
I REALIZED... THAT NO MATTER **WHAT** THE TITANS ARE, THAT DESIRE OF MINE PERSISTS.

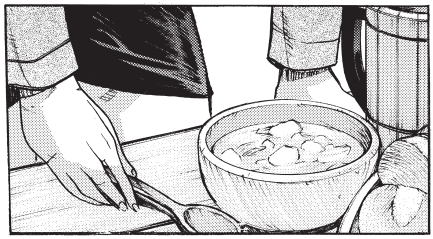
I'M NOT GONNA WITHDRAW MY APPLICATION TO JOIN UP.

BUT...
I STILL COULDN'T GET TO SLEEP. I FEEL TERRIBLE TODAY.
I MEAN, LOOK: SCARY IS SCARY.
WOW, IVO... I'M IMPRESSED, MAN!

YA RASCAL !!
YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE FOR A SECOND !!

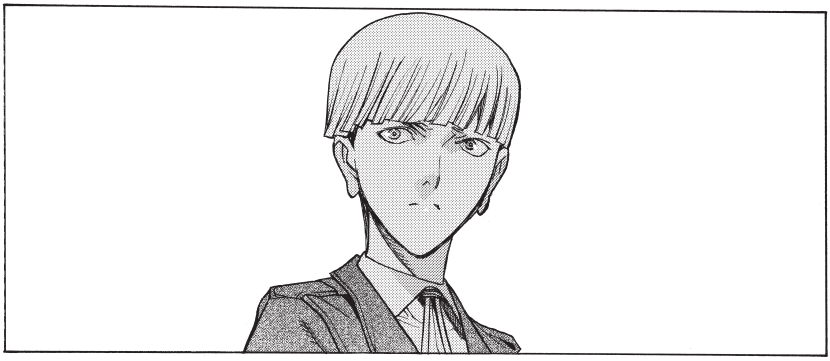

KTUNK
I'M GONNA GET SELECTED FOR THE NEXT TEAM, YOU'LL SEE!
AND NO, I'M NOT CHANGIN' MY MIND EITHER!

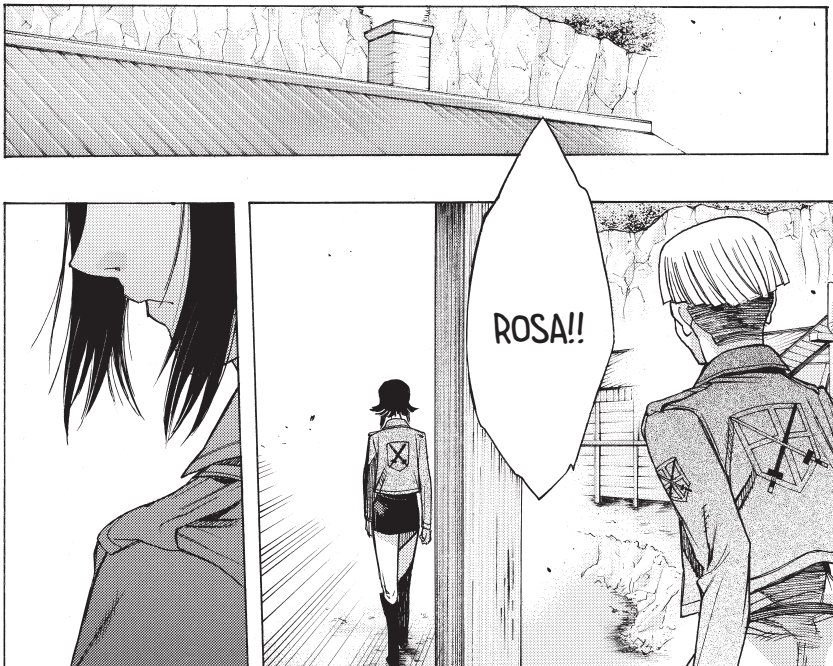
AREN'T YOU GONNA EAT?
HEY, ROSA...



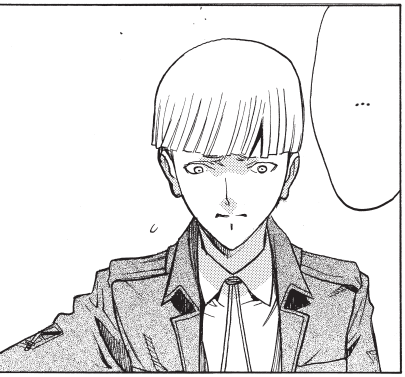
DON'T HAVE MUCH OF AN APPETITE...
I COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT EITHER...
UM... YEAH...

HEY, NO FAIR!
IN THAT CASE, I CALL DIBS ON YOUR POTATOES!




ROSA!!

WHAT?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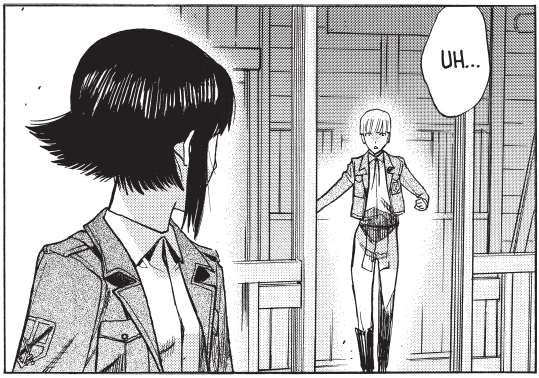
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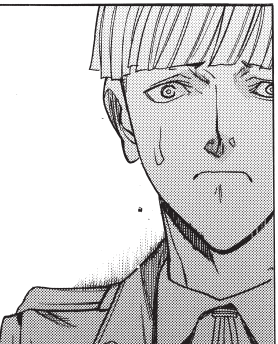
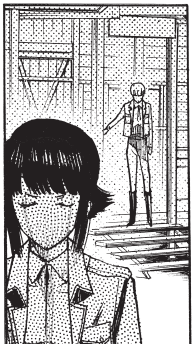
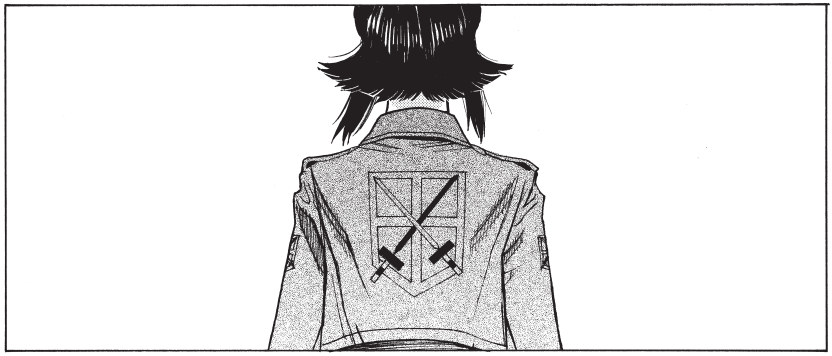




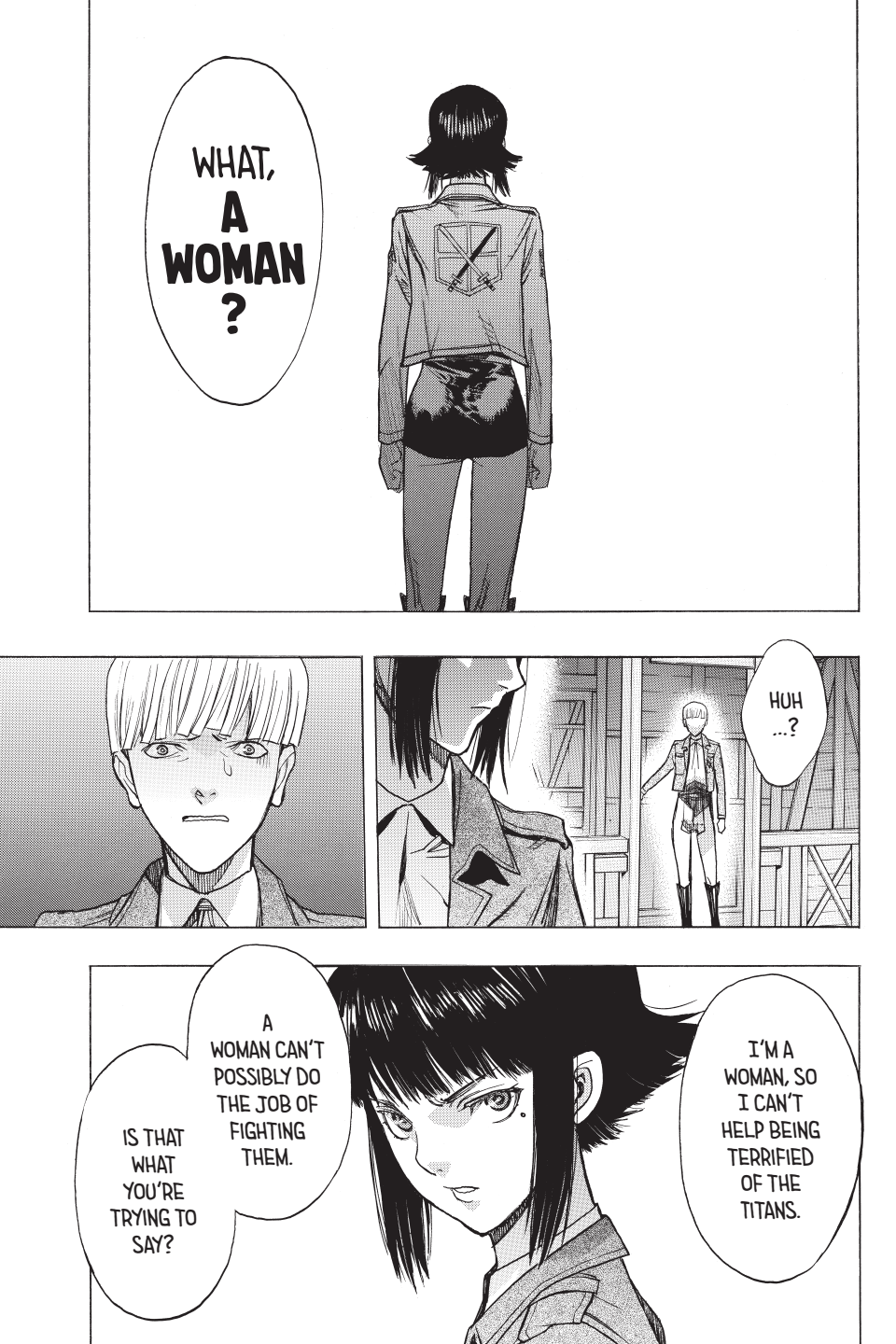
...
IF YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING, I'M GONNA GO.

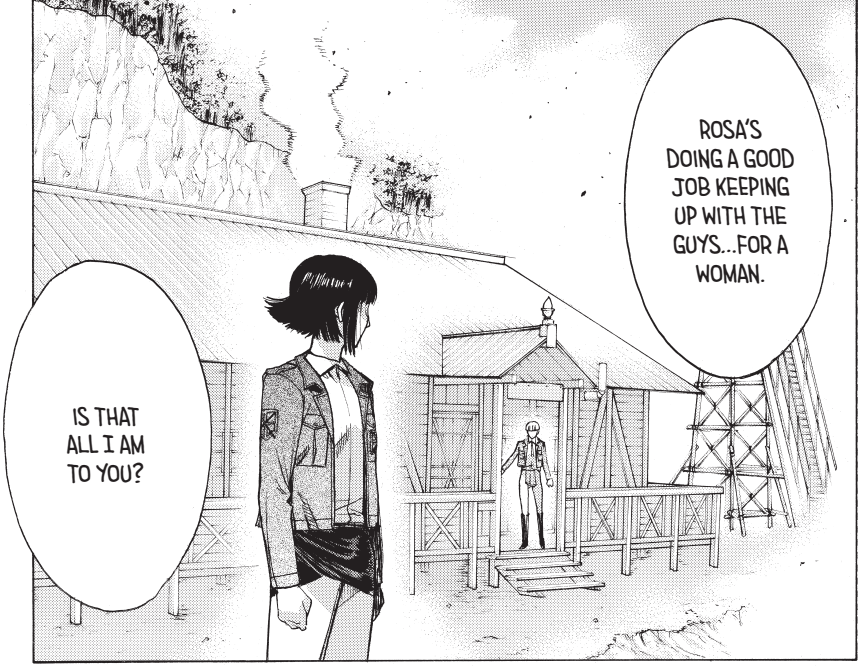
DON'T TRY TO HIDE IT!
ROSA !!

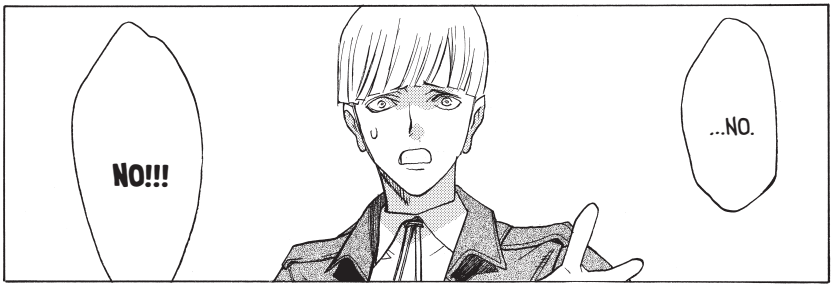


NOBODY... **NOBODY** LOOKS AT A HORROR LIKE THE TITANS AND COMES AWAY UNSCATHED!
AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE...

YEAH, IVO TALKED A BIG GAME...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRE-TEND!
...BUT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO HELP, WAYS THAT **DON'T** INVOLVE THE SURVEY CORPS.


WHAT, A WOMAN ?
HUH ...?
I'M A WOMAN, SO I CAN'T HELP BEING TERRIFIED OF THE TITANS.
A WOMAN CAN'T POSSIBLY DO THE JOB OF FIGHTING THEM.
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY?


ROSA'S DOING A GOOD JOB KEEPING UP WITH THE GUYS...FOR A WOMAN.
IS THAT ALL I AM TO YOU?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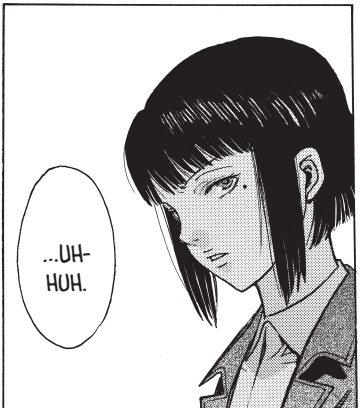
NO!!!

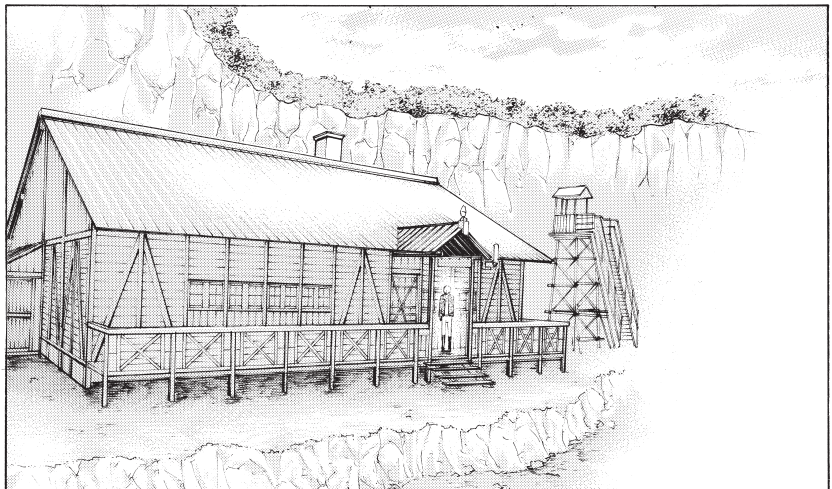

...UH-HUH.

I JUST...
I JUST WANT YOU TO SURVIVE...

THANKS.

...I...

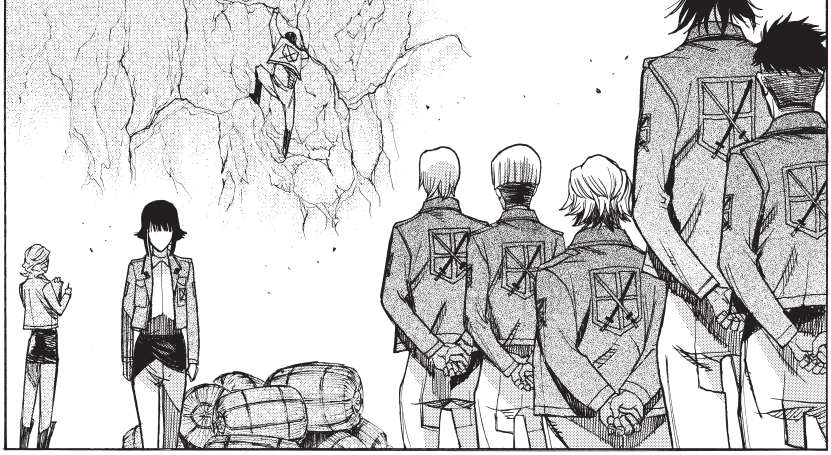
ROSA...

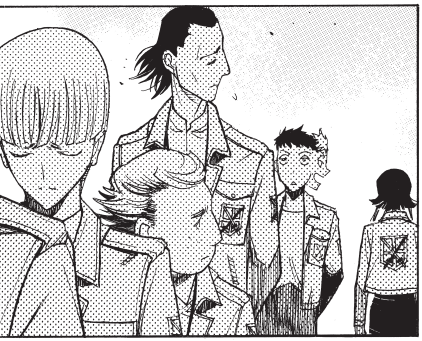


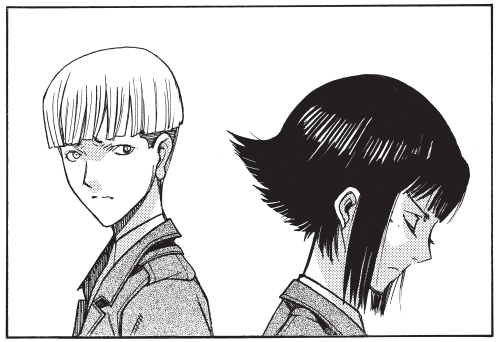
STARTING THE DAY AFTER THEIR VIEWING OF THE OUTSIDE TERRAIN ATOP WALL MARIA, THE SPECIAL TRAINEES ENGAGED...

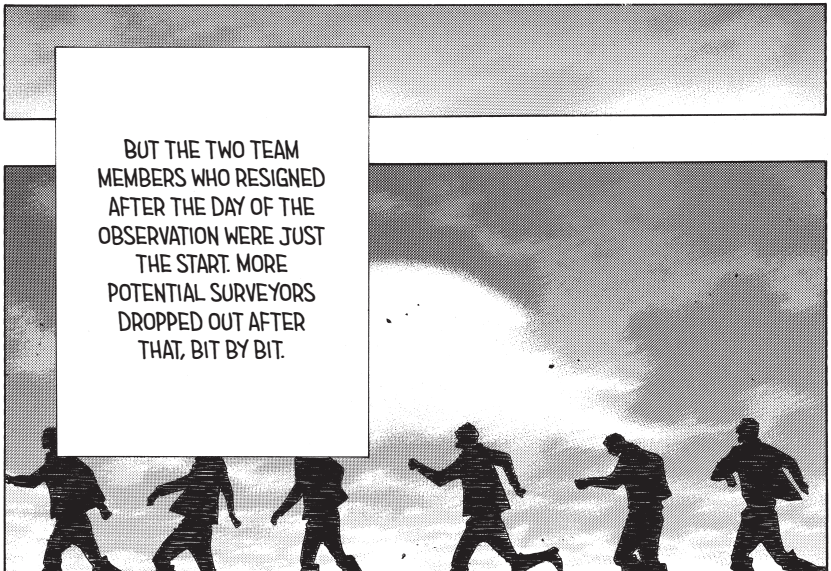
...IN A UNIQUE CURRICULUM DESIGNED TO TEACH THEM THE WAYS OF TITAN COMBAT...

...SO THAT THEY COULD PROPERLY UTILIZE THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT.

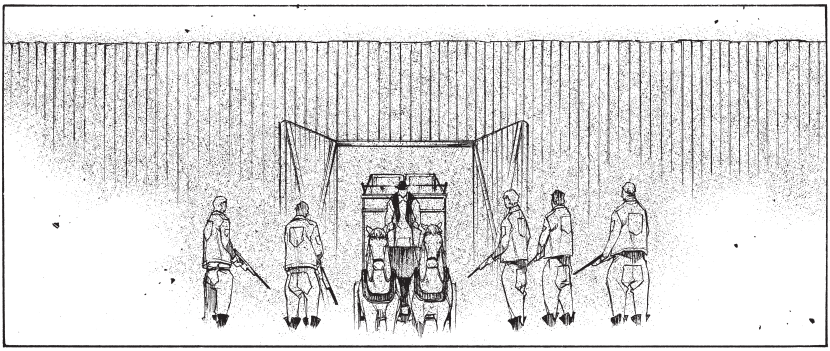


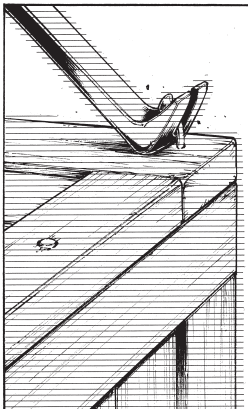


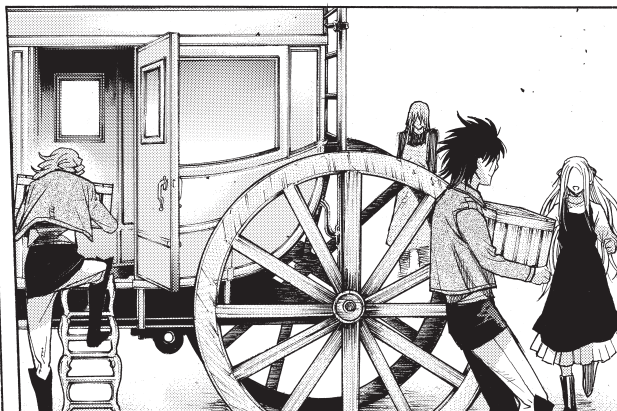


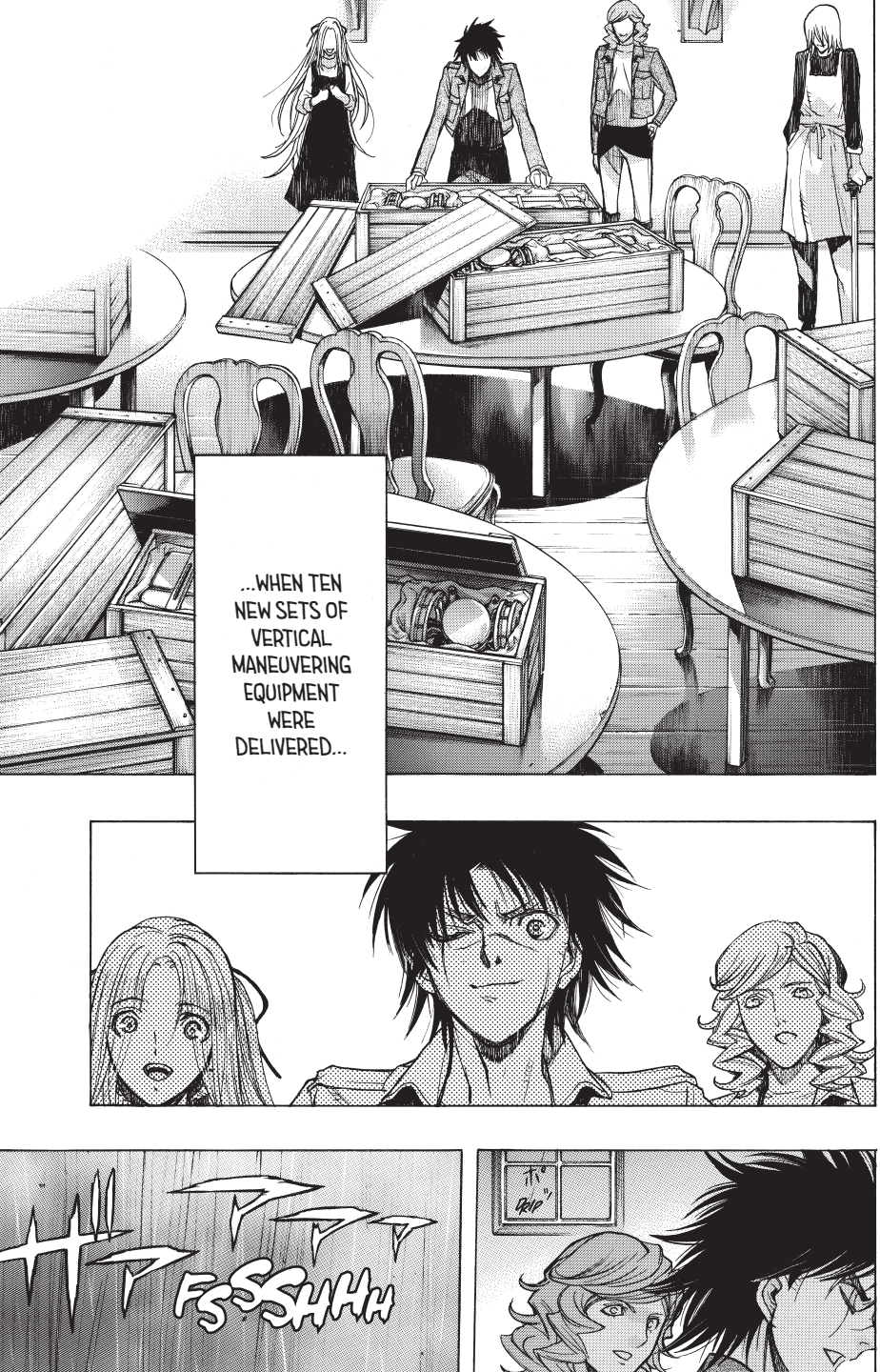

BUT THE TWO TEAM MEMBERS WHO RESIGNED AFTER THE DAY OF THE OBSERVATION WERE JUST THE START. MORE POTENTIAL SURVEYORS DROPPED OUT AFTER THAT, BIT BY BIT.

AND A WEEK LATER...








...WHEN TEN NEW SETS OF VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT WERE DELIVERED...
FSSSHHH
GRIP

FSSHH
...THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL TRAINEES WAS DOWN TO 17.

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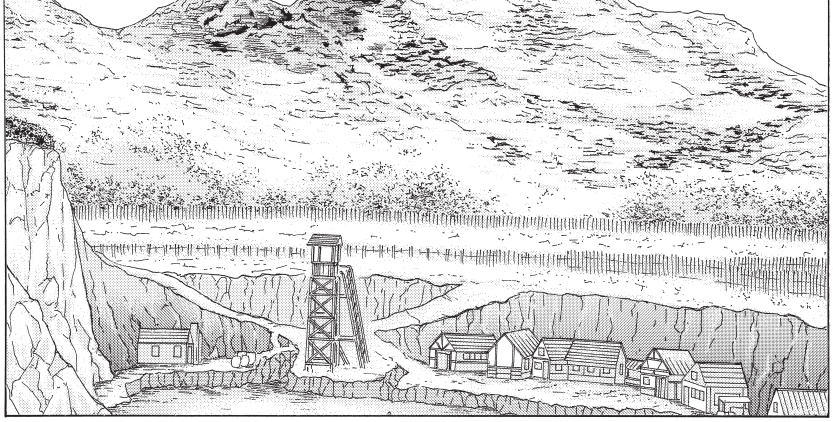
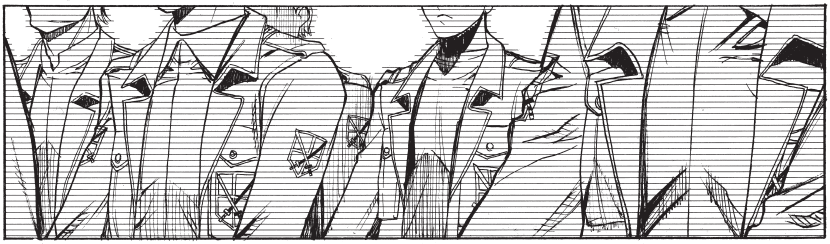
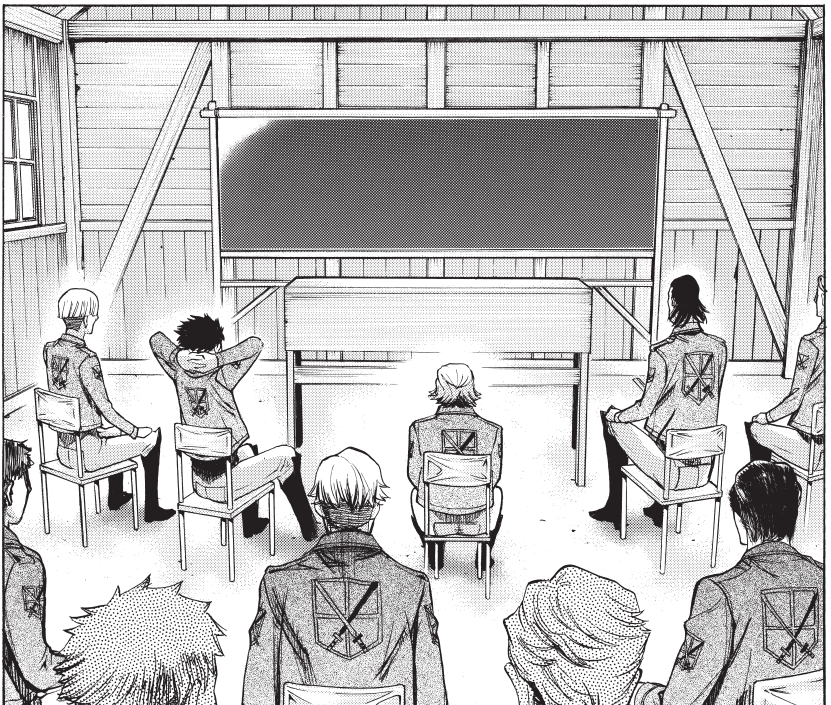
ATTACK ON TITAN

BEFORE THE FALL







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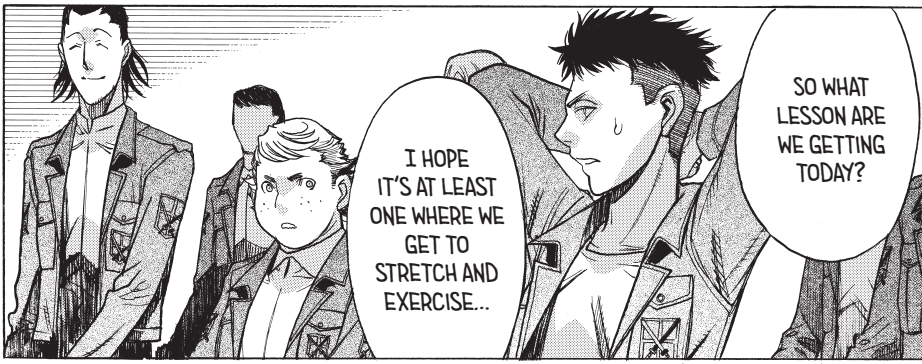
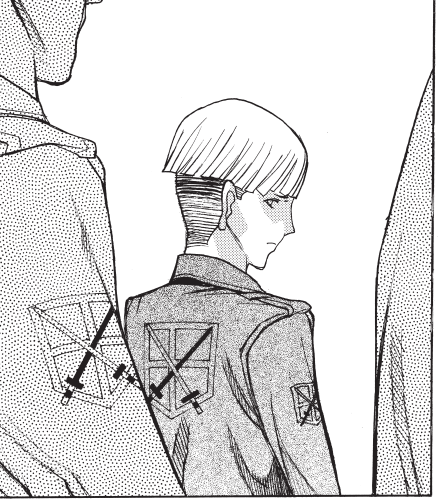
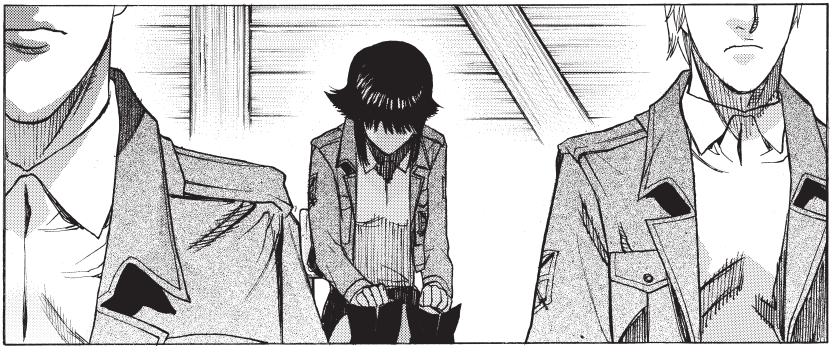
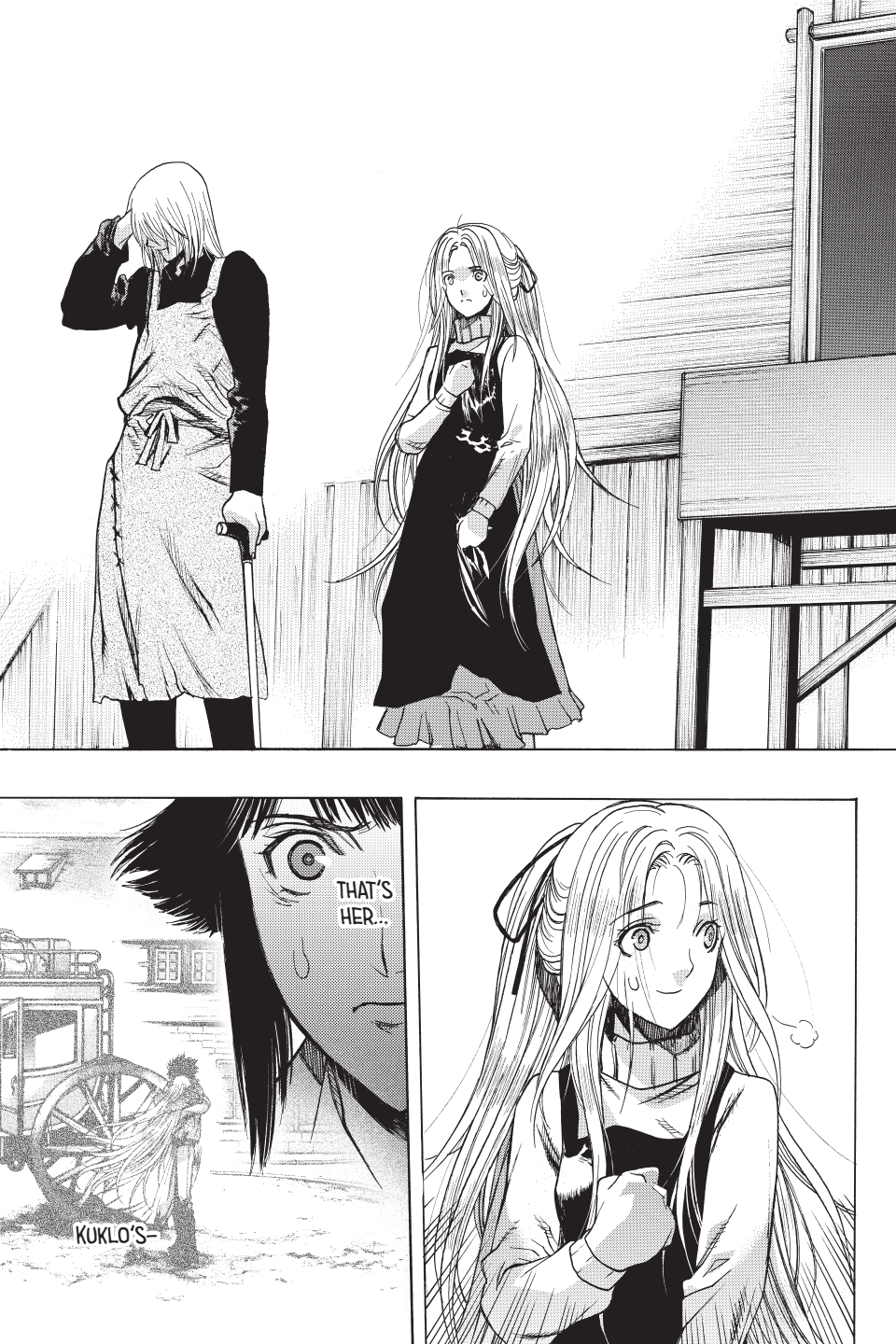


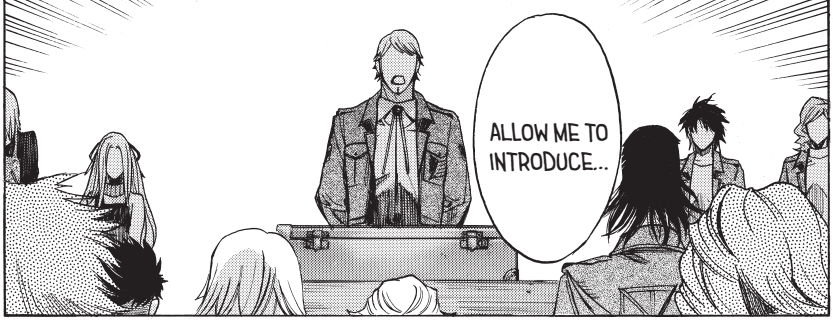


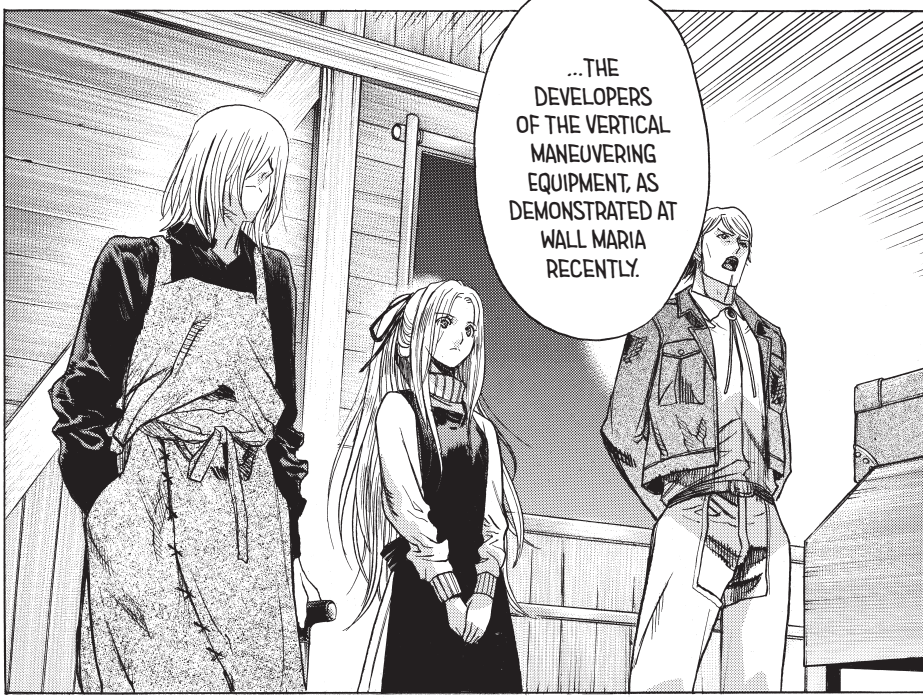


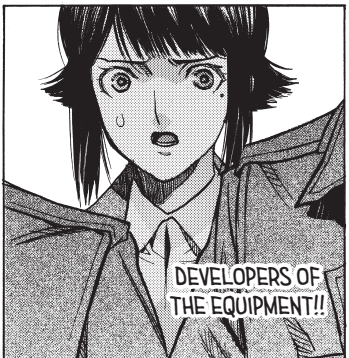
CREAK
WHOA!

SHE'S EVEN PRETTIER UP CLOSE!
CHECK IT OUT, KAI! IT'S THAT CUTIE AGAIN!
WHISPER
WHISPER


THAT'S HER...
KUKLO'S–


ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE...


...THE DEVELOPERS OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT, AS DEMONSTRATED AT WALL MARIA RECENTLY.


DEVELOPERS OF THE EQUIPMENT!!

MURMUR

THE MAN AT THE END IS ANGEL.

HER...?!

15 YEARS AGO, HE WAS A MEMBER ON CAPTAIN JORGE'S FINAL EXPEDITION.

WHISPER ヒソ

WHISPER ヒソ

WOW...

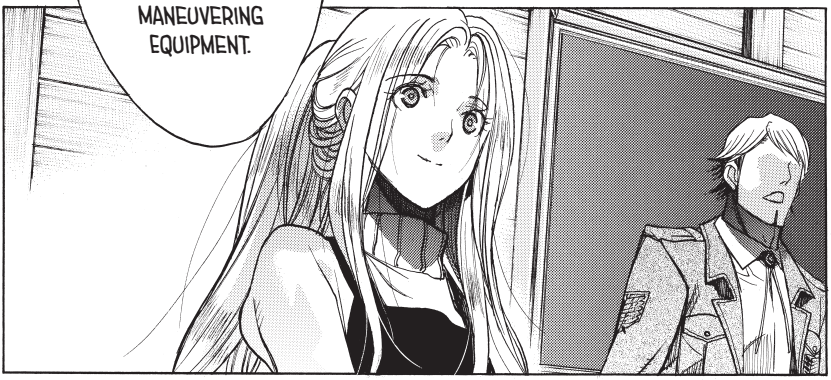
THE LEGENDARY TITAN-VANQUISHING EXPEDITION...

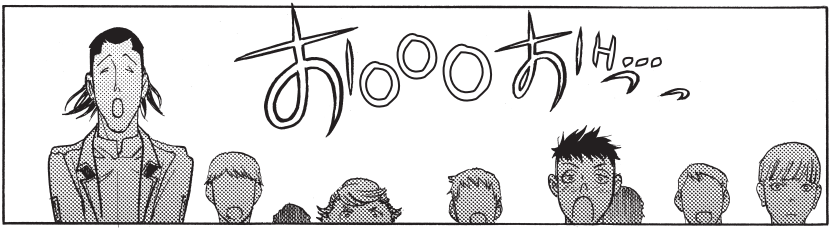
WOW.

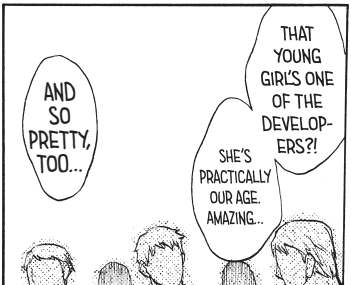
WHISPER ヒソ

DIRECTLY TO MY RIGHT IS MISS SHARLE.

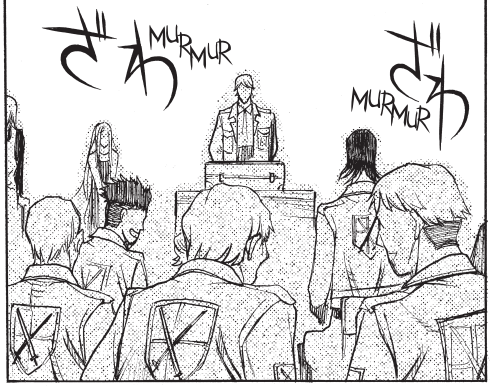
SHE'LL BE TEMPORARILY PLACED IN THE SURVEY CORPS AS THE ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF UPKEEP AND PRESERVATION OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT.







GIWIP
ち..

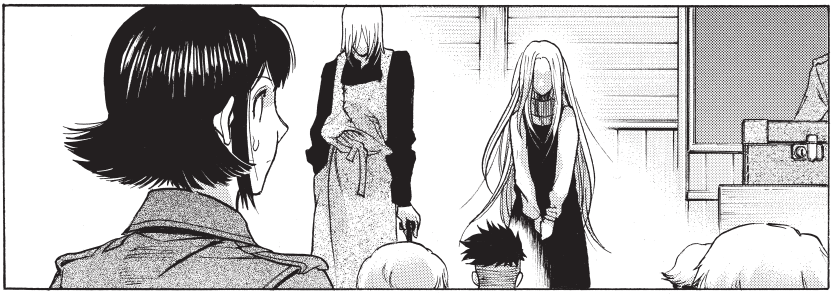

ざわ MURMUR
ざわ MURMUR

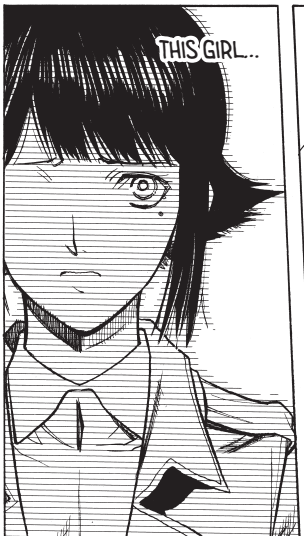
HUP
SILENCE !!

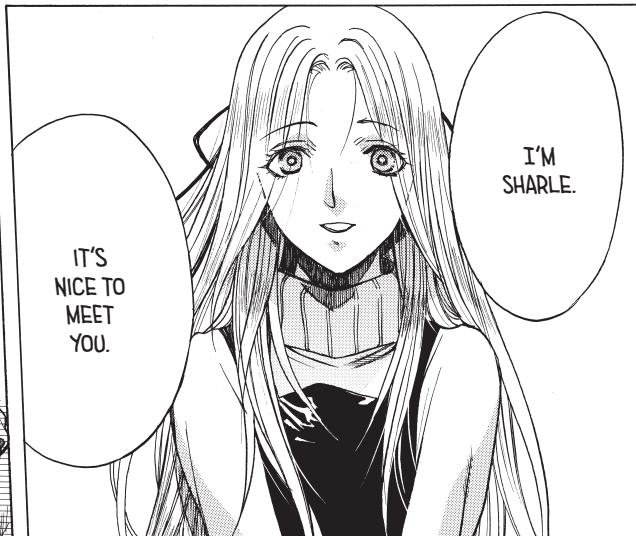
Y-YES, SIR!
カタ
KTUNK

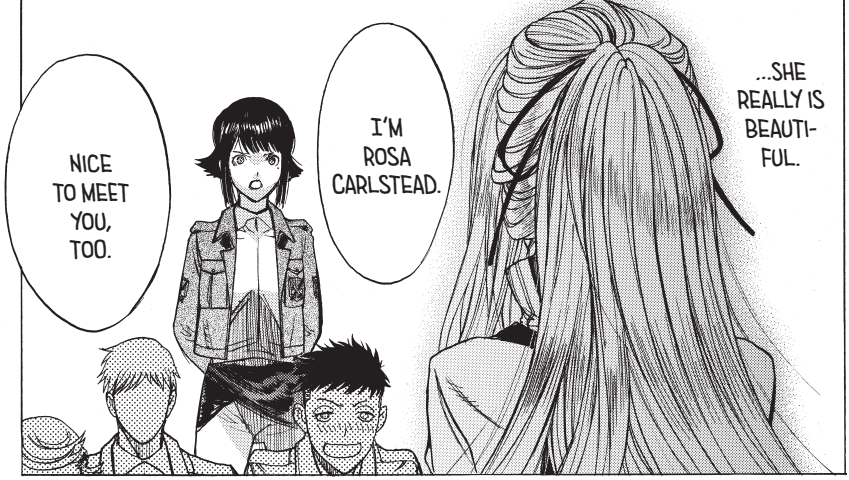
!
ROSA!

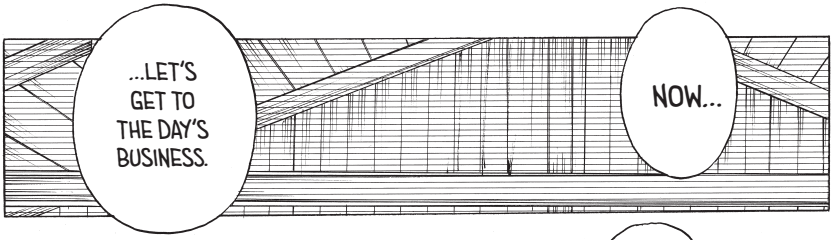
OH! ER... RIGHT!
YOU WERE THE ONLY FEMALE APPLICANT TO THE TEAM, SO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN ROOM.
AS OF TODAY, MISS SHARLE WILL BE YOUR ROOMMATE. I WANT YOU TO HELP HER OUT.




THIS GIRL...

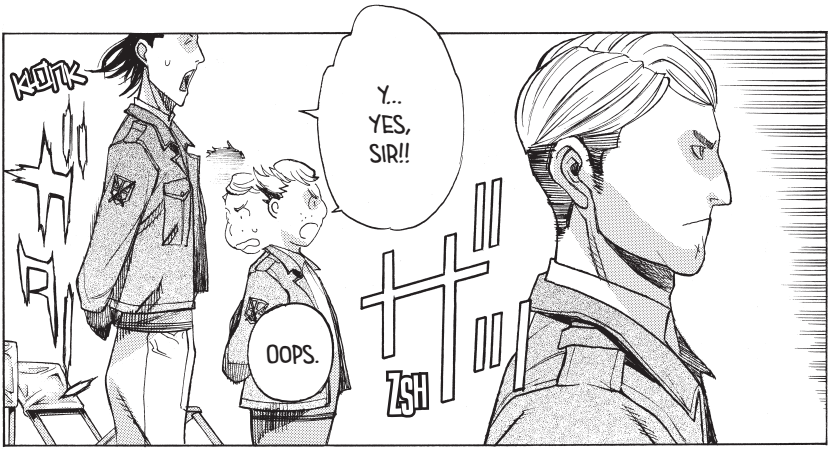

I'M SHARLE.
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.

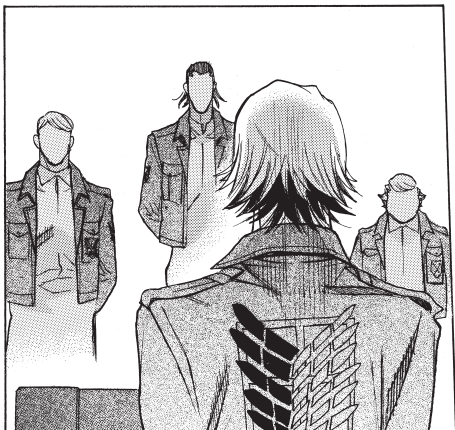

NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO.
I'M ROSA CARLSTEAD.
...SHE REALLY IS BEAUTI-FUL.

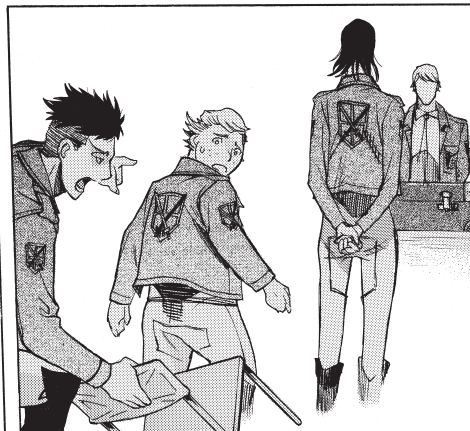

...LET'S GET TO THE DAY'S BUSINESS.
NOW...

!!
KURZ! HUGO! IVO!
TO THE FRONT !!

YES, SIR!
ZZSH


KLIK
Y... YES, SIR!!
OOPS.
ZSH





YOU THREE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PRIMARY TEAM. YOU WILL BE GIVEN VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT.

YOU TOO, MISS SHARLE.

OF COURSE!

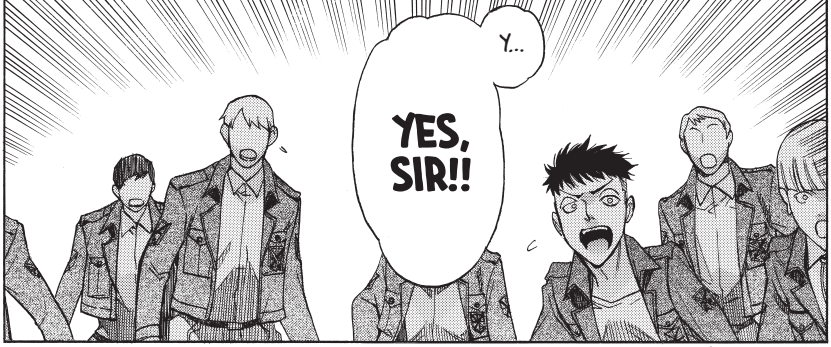
I'LL GET THEM SET UP!

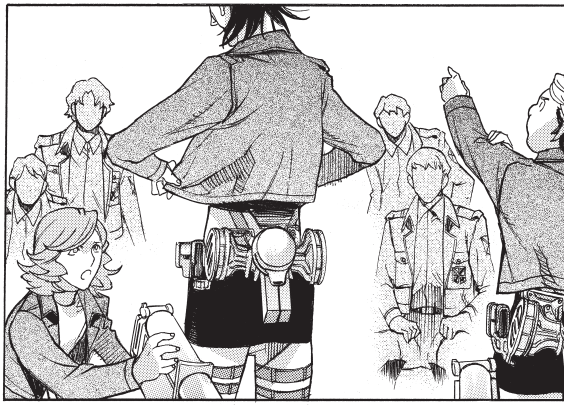
KLOW!

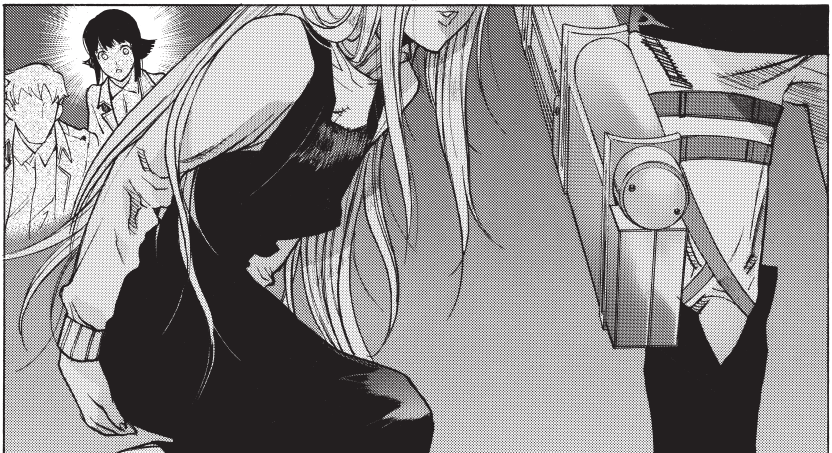
CARL!

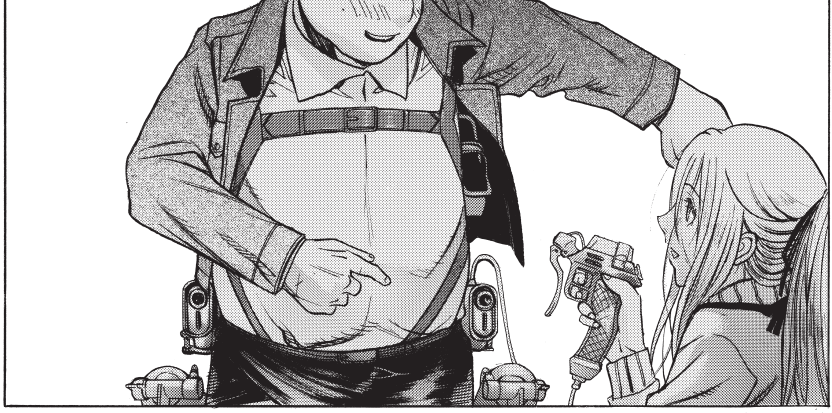
YES, SIR!
MEMO-RIZE THE STEPS!!!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE AND WAIT AS THEY PUT THE GEAR ON! YOU'LL BE DOING IT YOURSELF NEXT!

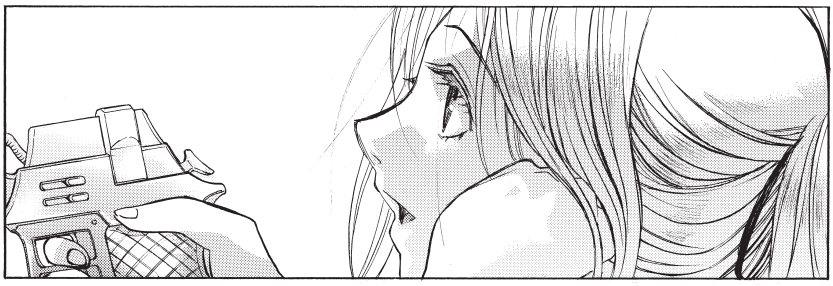
THERE ARE SEVEN MORE SETS OF EQUIPMENT! IF YOU ARE CHOSEN FOR THE TEAM, YOU WILL BE EQUIPPING THESE SETS IMMEDIATELY !!
WE WILL HOLD A SECONDARY TEAM TEST BEFORE NOON TOMORROW!
THE REST OF YOU, PAY VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE PROCESS!

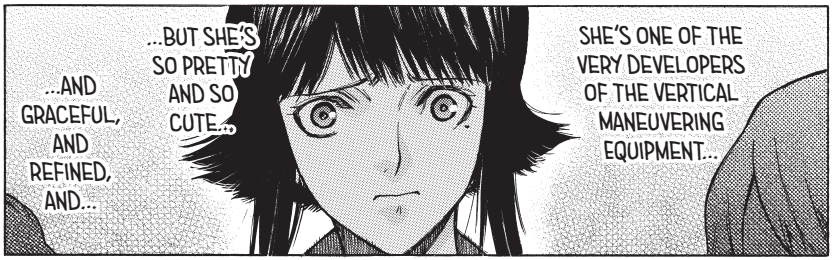

Y...
YES, SIR!!

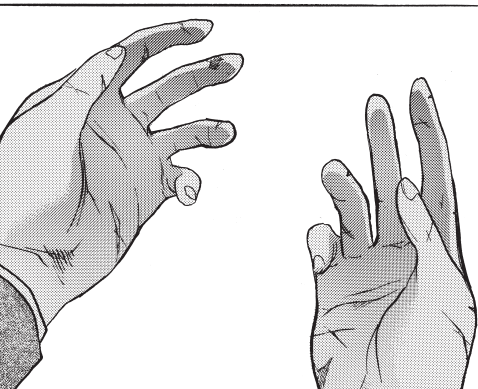




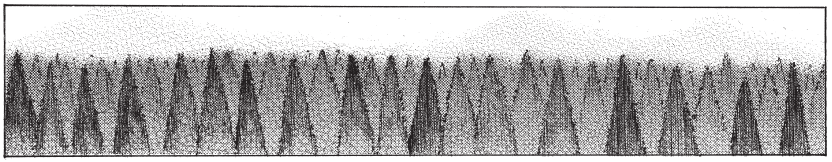





...AND GRACEFUL, AND REFINED, AND...
...BUT SHE'S SO PRETTY AND SO CUTE...
SHE'S ONE OF THE VERY DEVELOPERS OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT...

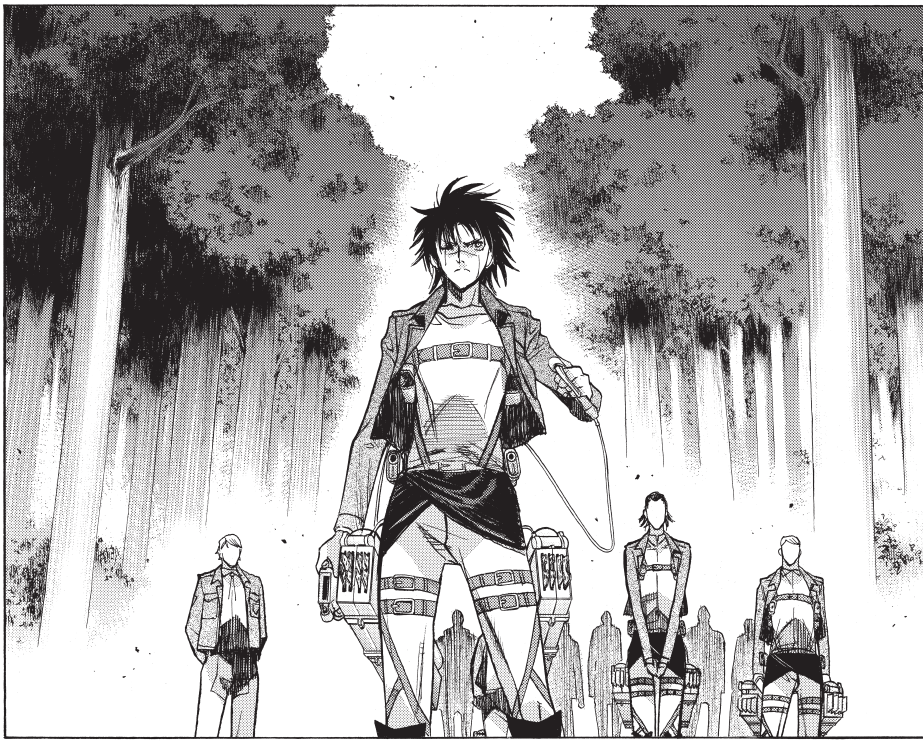


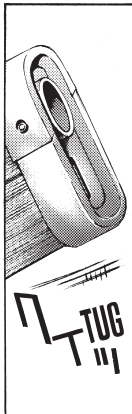
AND I'M JUST... SO...

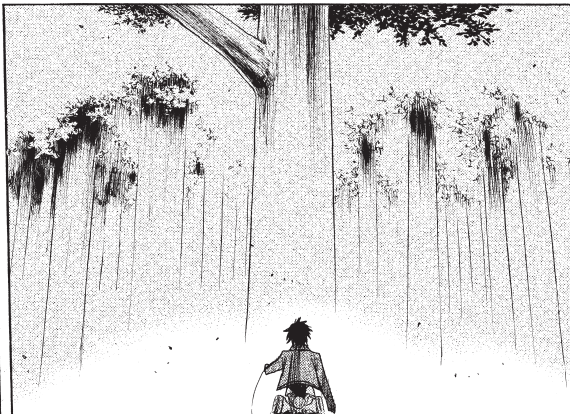


THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE PRIMARY TEAM...
...WILL NOW UNDERGO PRACTICAL USE OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT !!
!!
FIRST YOU WILL SEE AN EXAM-PLE!
KLOW!!

ZZSH







ZUNK
WHOA!

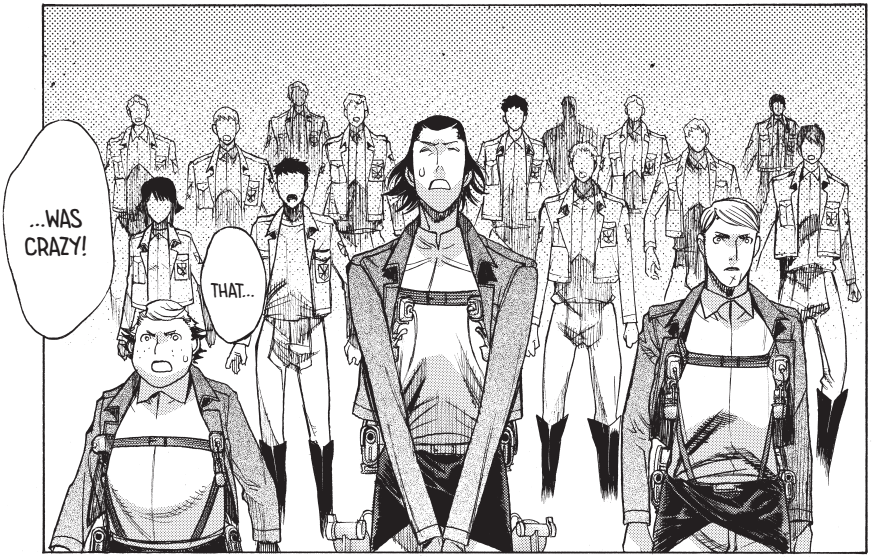
WHIP

BOOM
FLIP
GRRN
HE'S GONNA CRASH !!
!!
TUP

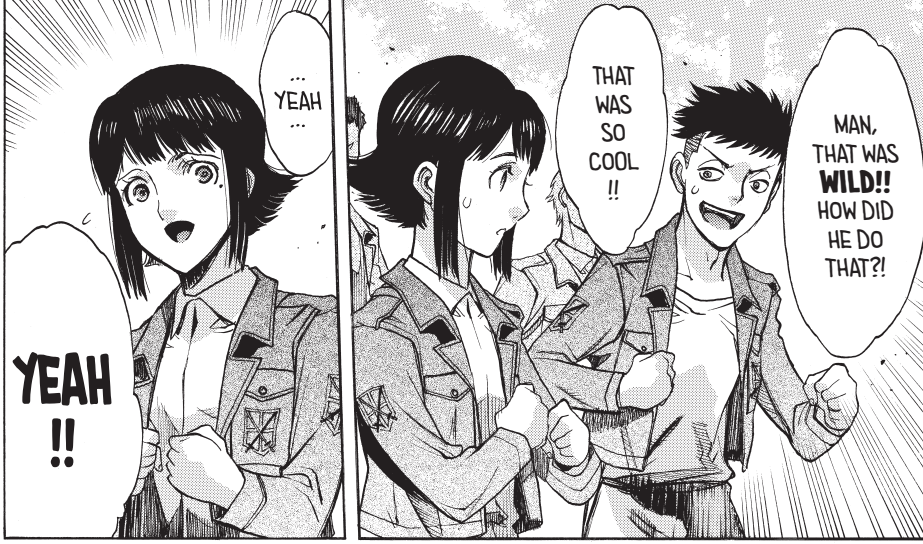
TAK
CHA-
KLUNK
SHLAK
TUP

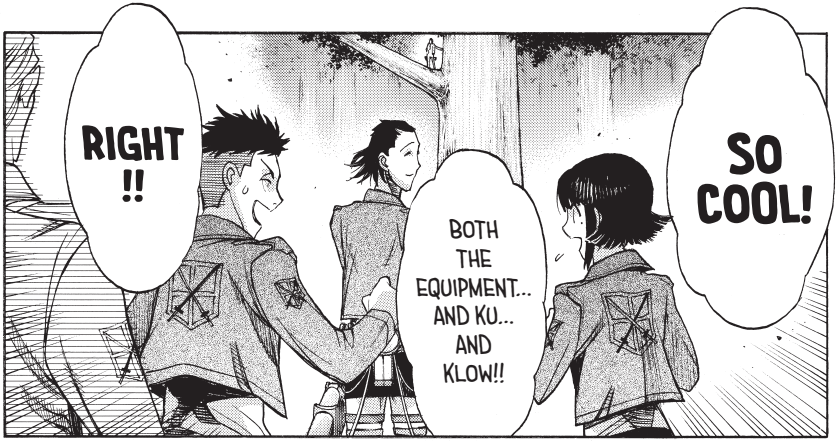
あ! あ WHOAAA っ

...WH...


...WAS CRAZY!
THAT...

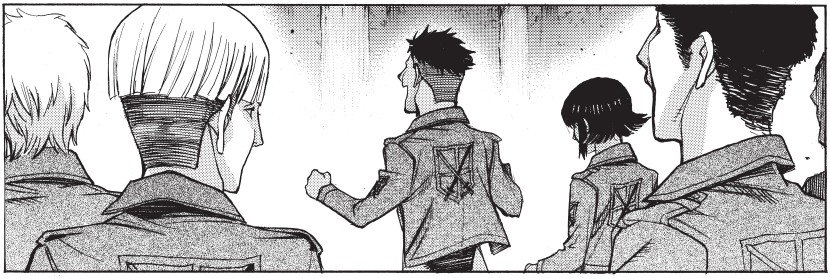
SO WHEN HE LEAPT FROM THE HUNTER'S COTTAGE WINDOW INTO THE TREES... **THIS** IS WHAT HE WAS DOING!!
...!!

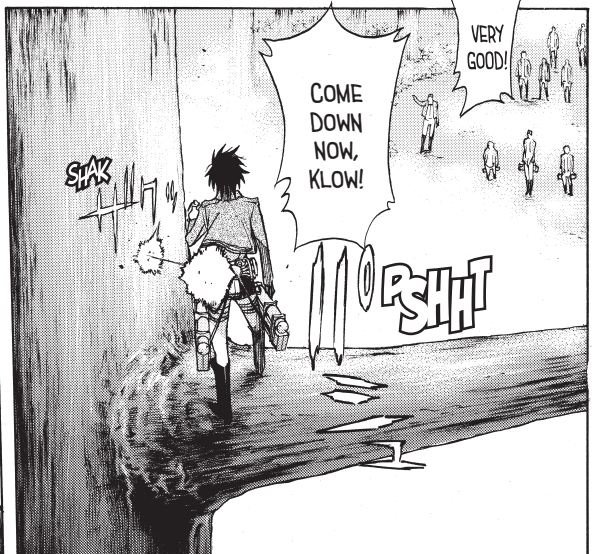

MAN, THAT WAS **WILD!!** HOW DID HE DO THAT?!
THAT WAS SO COOL !!
...YEAH...
YEAH !!


SO COOL!
BOTH THE EQUIPMENT... AND KU... AND KLOW!!
RIGHT !!

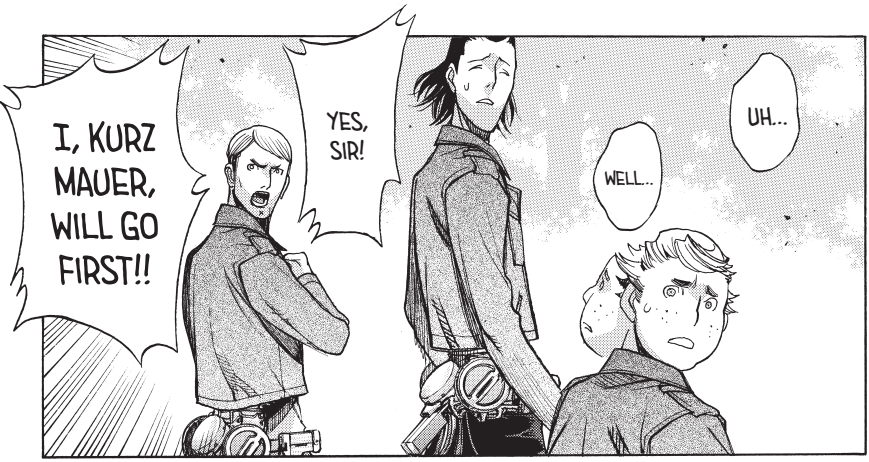
WOW...THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT !!
NOW I **GOTTA** PASS THE TEST FOR THE SECONDARY TEAM TOMORROW!!

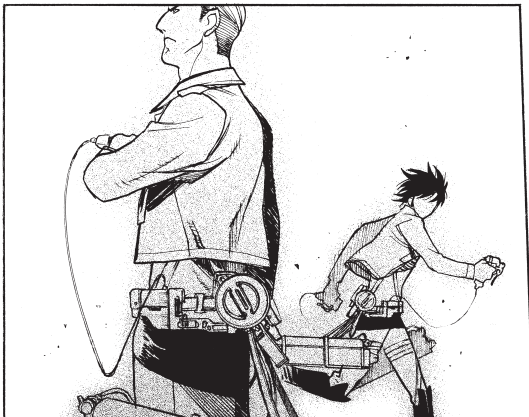
Y...
...YEAH...
THE TEST...

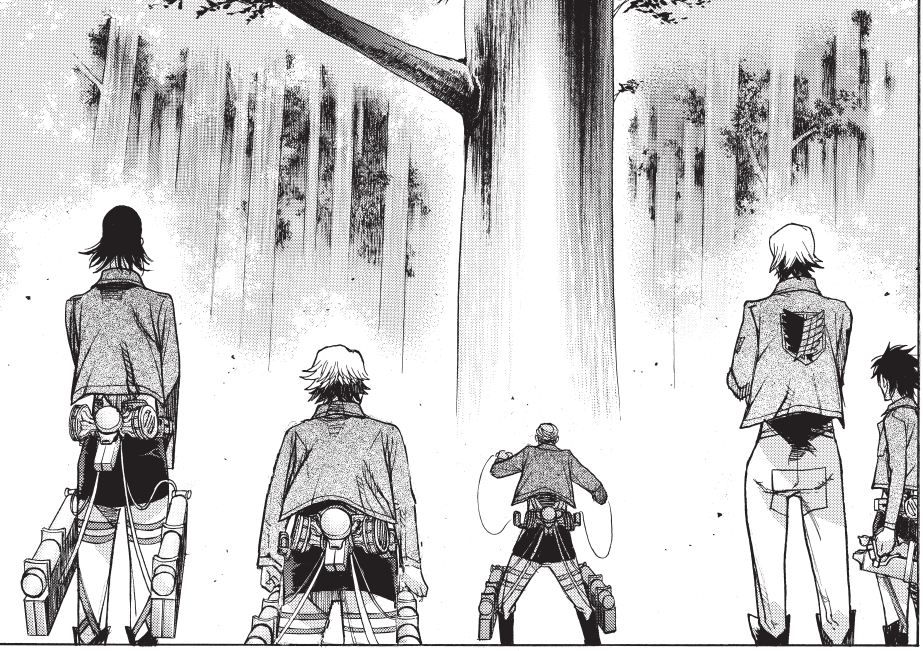


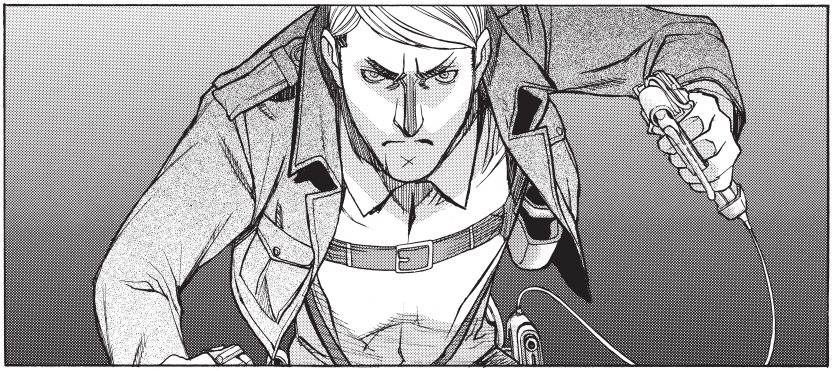

VERY GOOD!
COME DOWN NOW, KLOW!
SHAK
PSHH

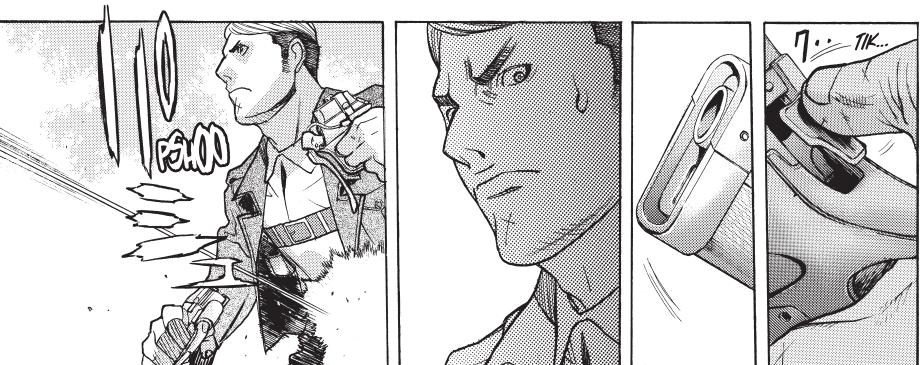
YOU THREE ON THE PRIMARY TEAM!
ARE YOU READY ?!
!
KRTETETETETE


UH...
WELL...
YES, SIR!
I, KURZ MAUER, WILL GO FIRST!!

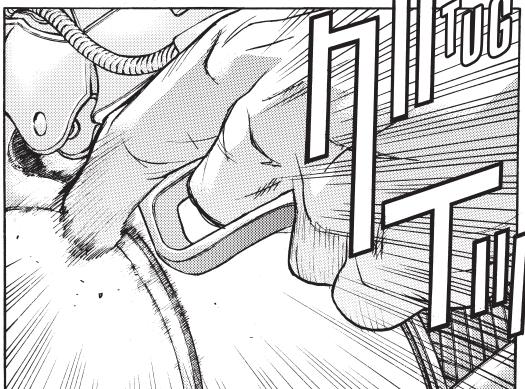


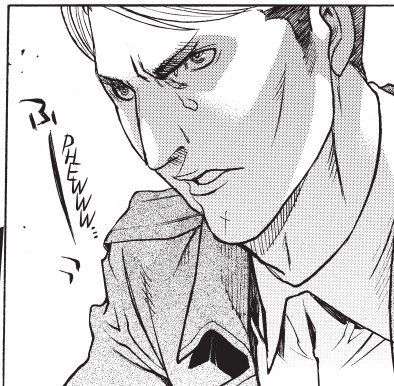





PAHOO
TIK...

ZUNK

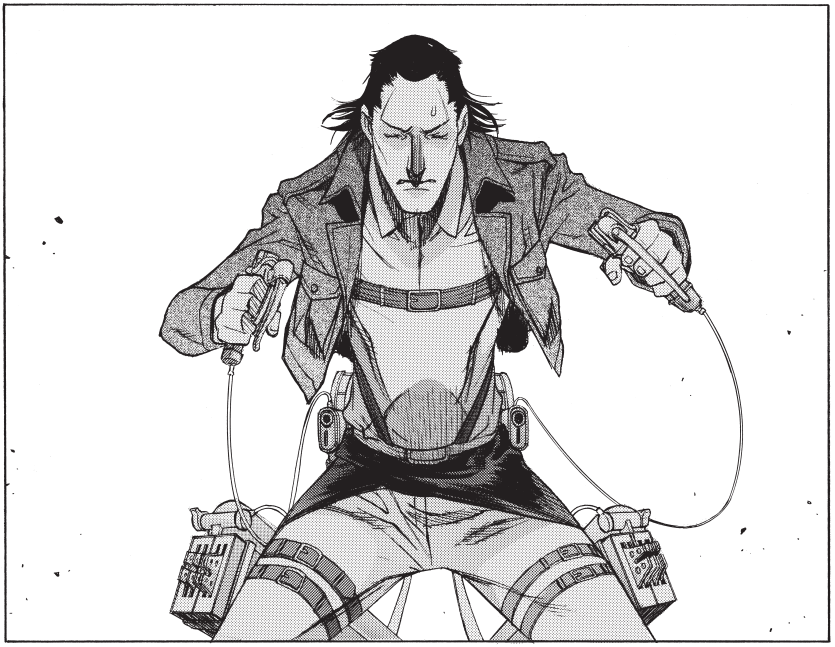




BOOM
SWISH
AAAAAH!!
WH-WHOA...
AH...!

PSSHT
AH!
AAAAAA!!
OOF!
GONK

THAT HAD TO HURT...
FWUP



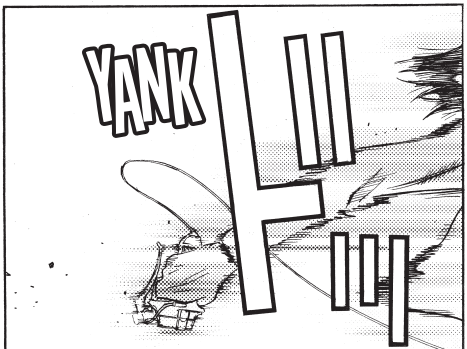
TUG
GRIT

DSHOOM

HUGO !!
STOP THE AN-CHOR !!

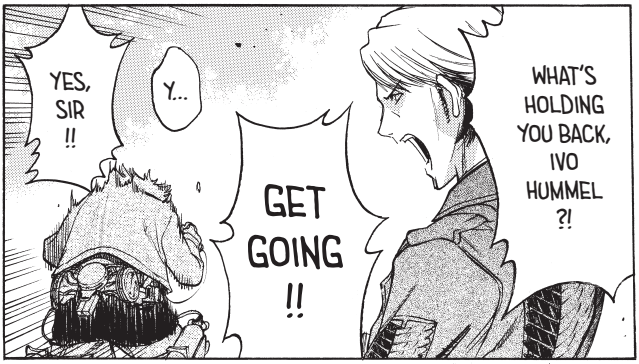
SHRRR
HE MISS-ED...

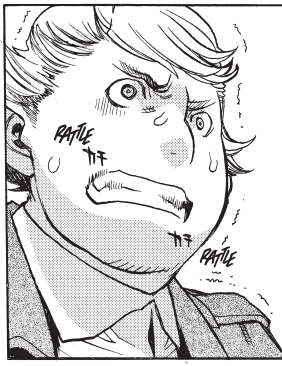
SHRRR
UH...


YANK

HUH?
SHRRR
OH.
OH...

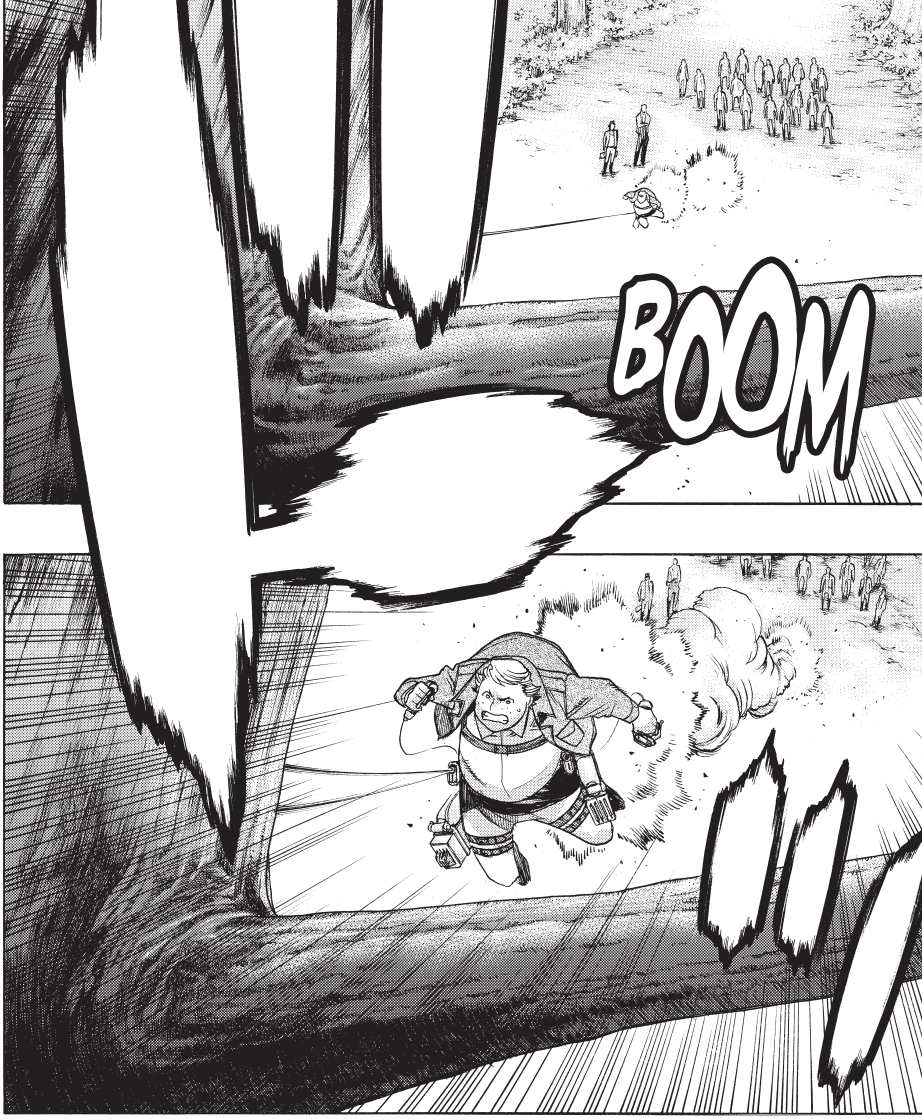
AAAAAAA...
ZZZ


YES, SIR !!
Y...
GET GOING !!
WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK, IVO HUMMEL ?!


RATTLE
RATTLE

FLASH

ガ゛゛゛
GAK
BOOM
おぉぉぉ


BOOM

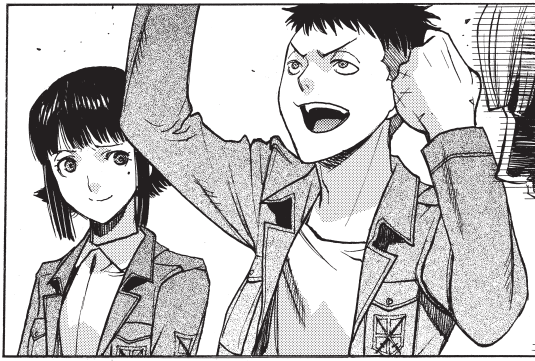
FLIK
HRRR...
GGH...
SILVER
SILVER

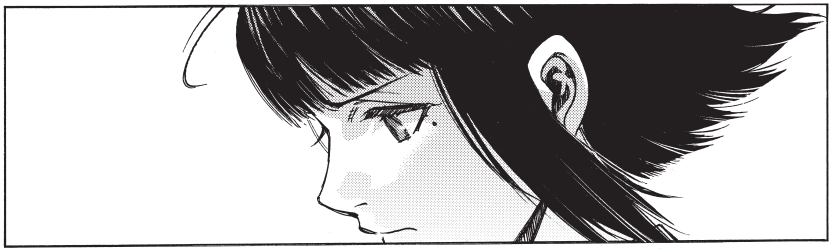
WHAM
PSHT
THUD
OOH!
おおっ
HUP
TING
!
NICE ONE!

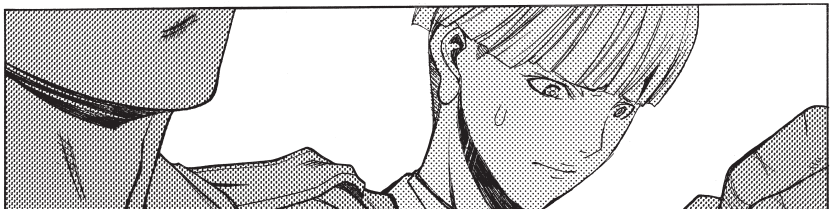
CHUNK
AH!
HARG
TUG
TUG
OH... CRAP.
GOTTA REMOVE THE ANCHOR!
AH.
AH.
AH.
SPIN
IVO!

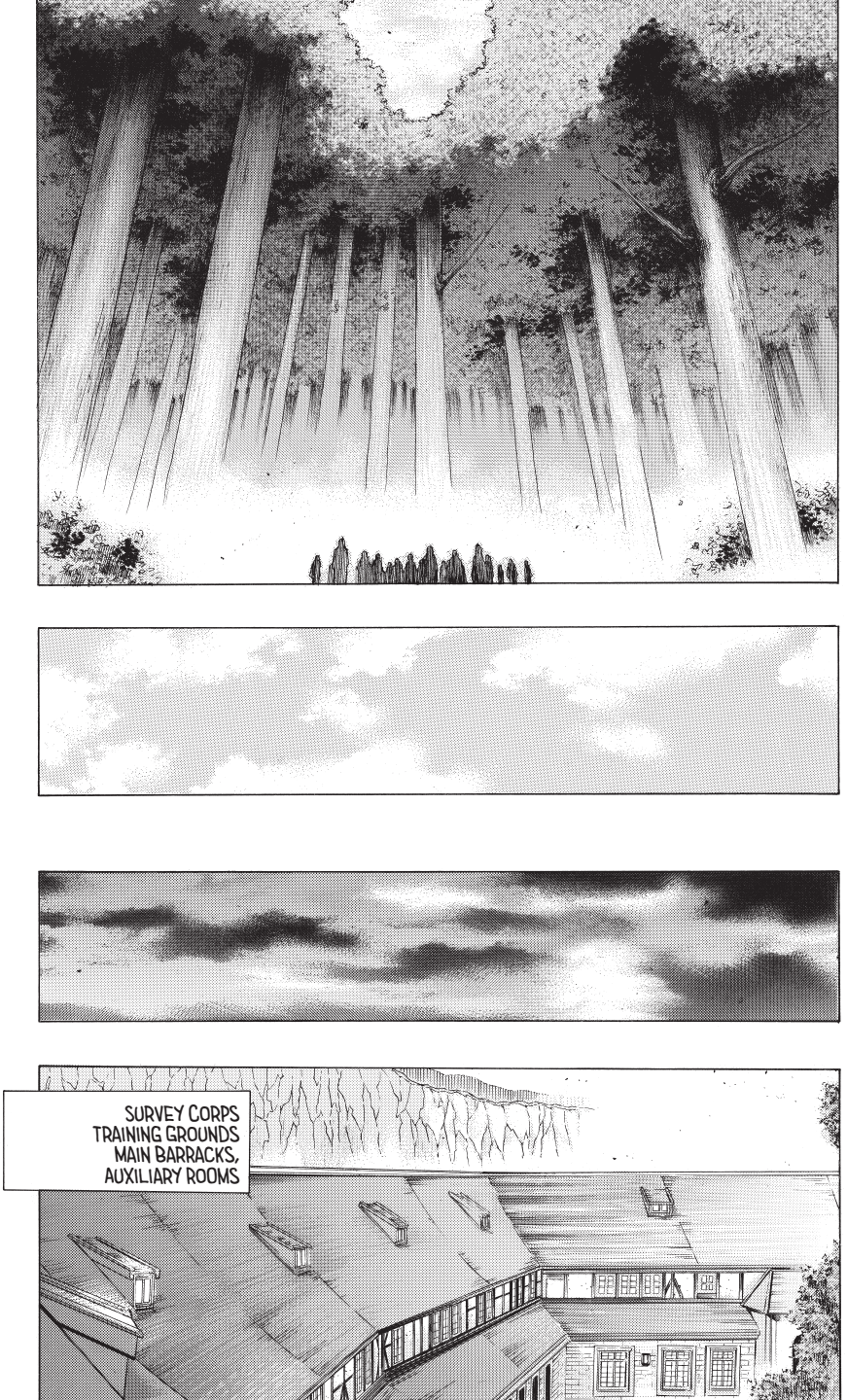
THUMP
IT SEEMS PRETTY TRICKY...
WHEW
ALL OF THIS TRAINING, THE SELECTION TESTS—ALL DESIGNED TO HELP US MASTER THAT THING.
NOW I UNDERSTAND HOW THAT'S GOING TO BE OUR SECRET WEAPON AGAINST THE TITANS!
RIGHT ?!
BUT FASCINATING!!

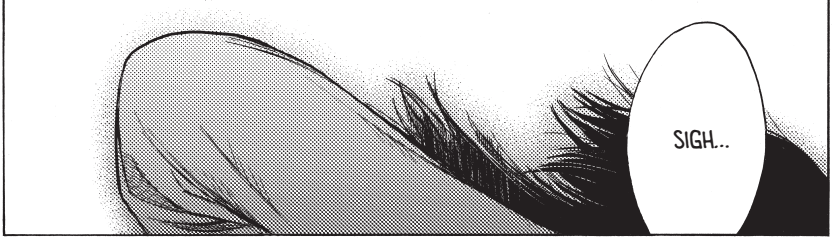
I CAN DO THIS !!
YAAA !!








SURVEY CORPS
TRAINING GROUNDS
MAIN BARRACKS,
AUXILIARY ROOMS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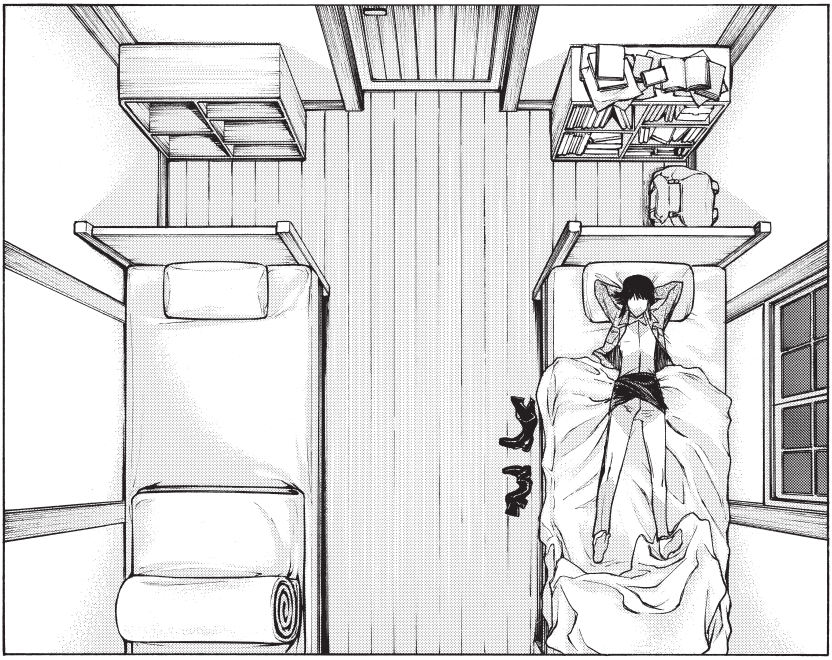
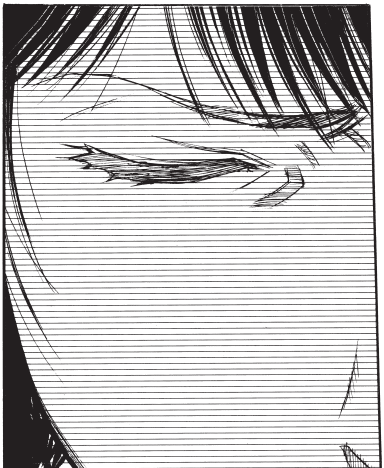
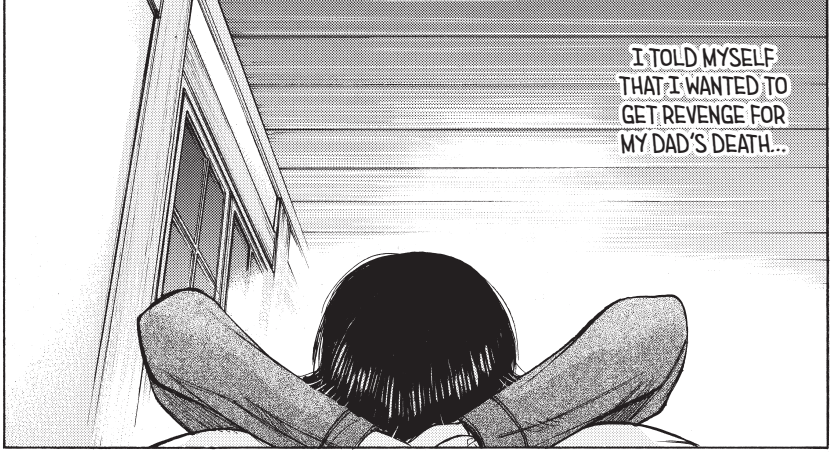
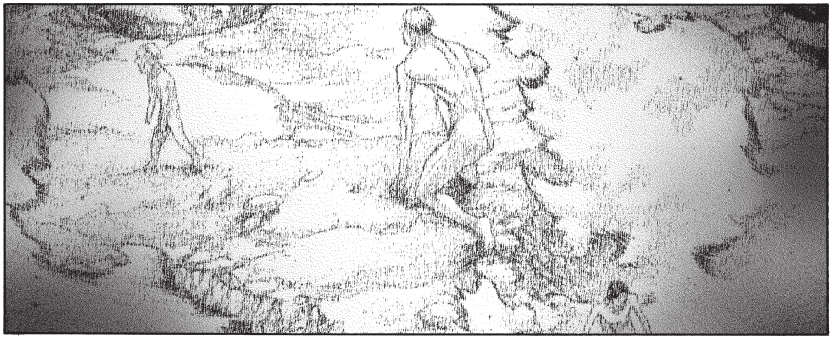
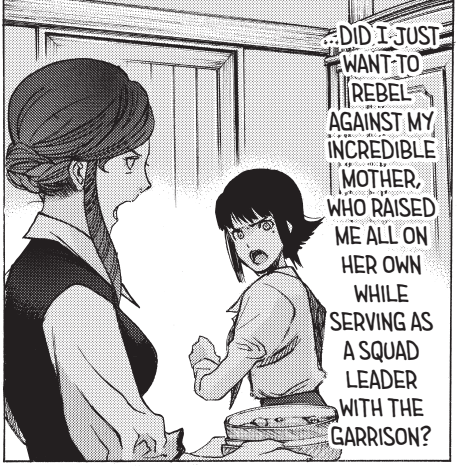


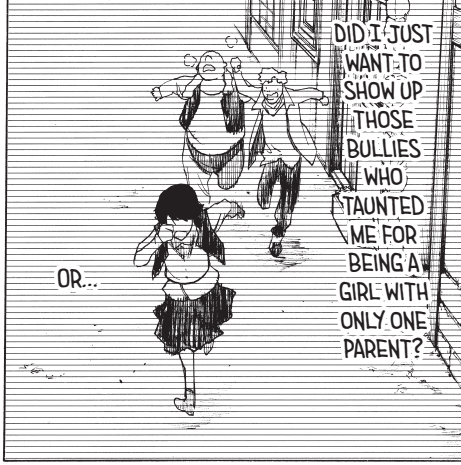


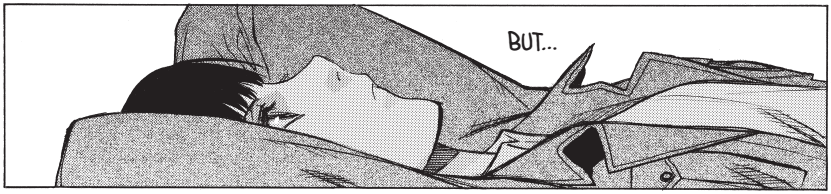

I TOLD MYSELF THAT I WANTED TO GET REVENGE FOR MY DAD'S DEATH...



...BUT JUST A GLIMPSE OF THE TITANS IN THE FLESH, AND I'M FROZEN WITH FEAR...
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO AVENGE HIM LIKE THIS...


...DID I JUST WANT TO REBEL AGAINST MY INCREDIBLE MOTHER, WHO RAISED ME ALL ON HER OWN WHILE SERVING AS A SQUAD LEADER WITH THE GARRISON?


DID I JUST WANT TO SHOW UP THOSE BULLIES WHO TAUNTED ME FOR BEING A GIRL WITH ONLY ONE PARENT?
OR...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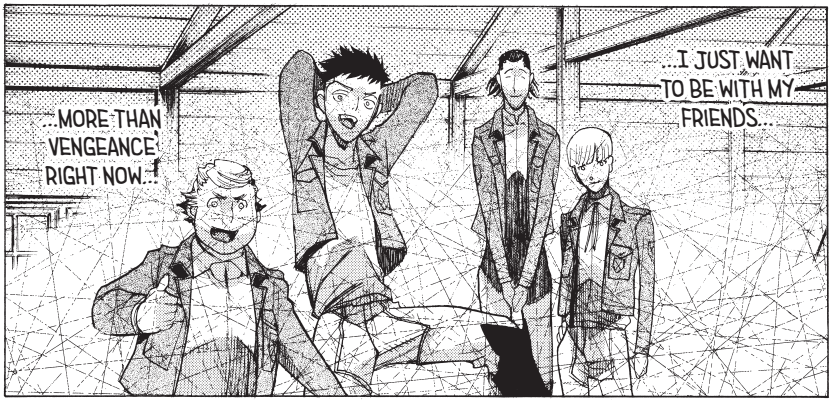
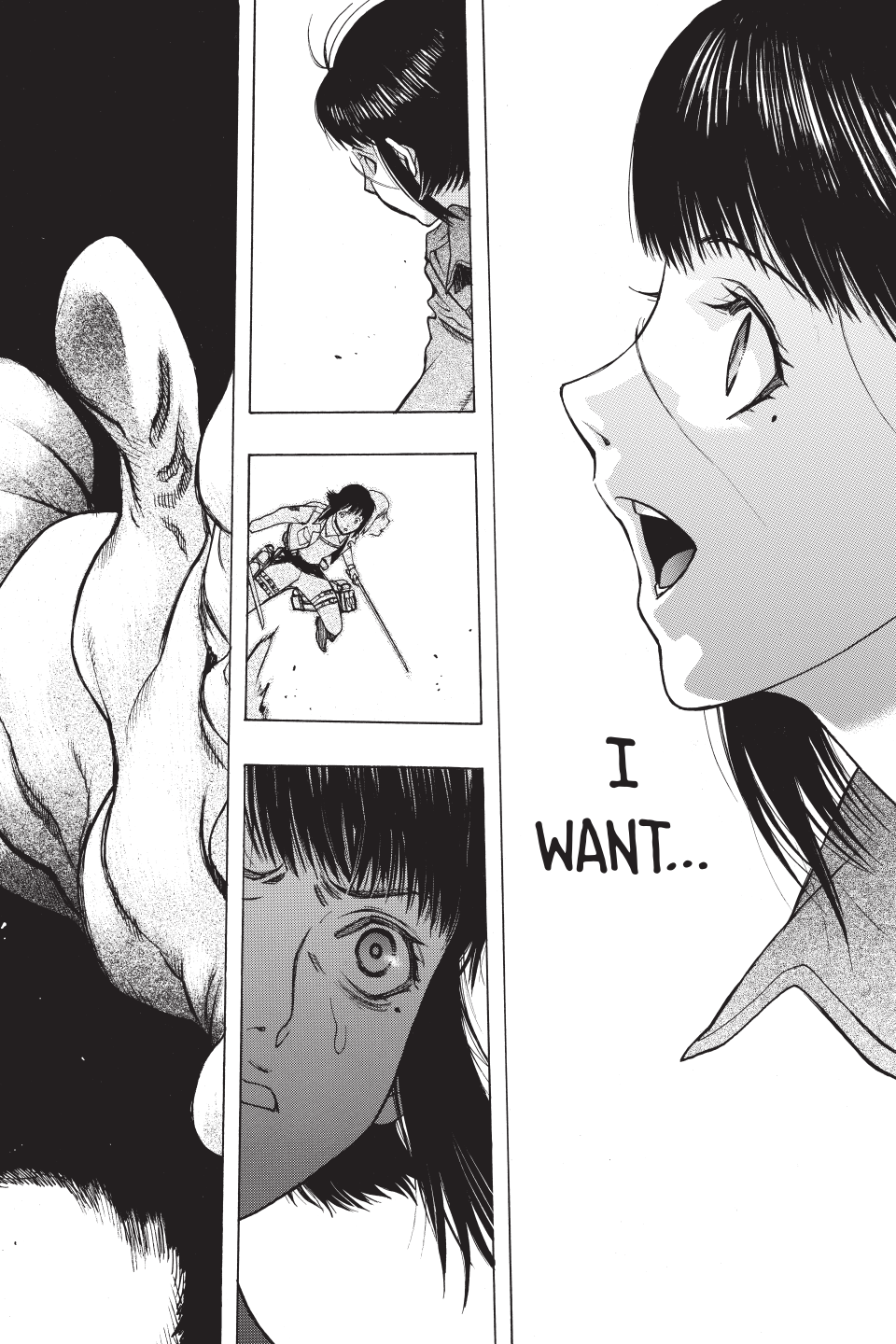

...MORE THAN VENGEANCE RIGHT NOW...!
...I JUST WANT TO BE WITH MY FRIENDS...

I WANT TO USE THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT...
AND...

I WANT TO USE IT SO I CAN FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH KUKLO !!


I
WANT...

NO!!

SHIVER
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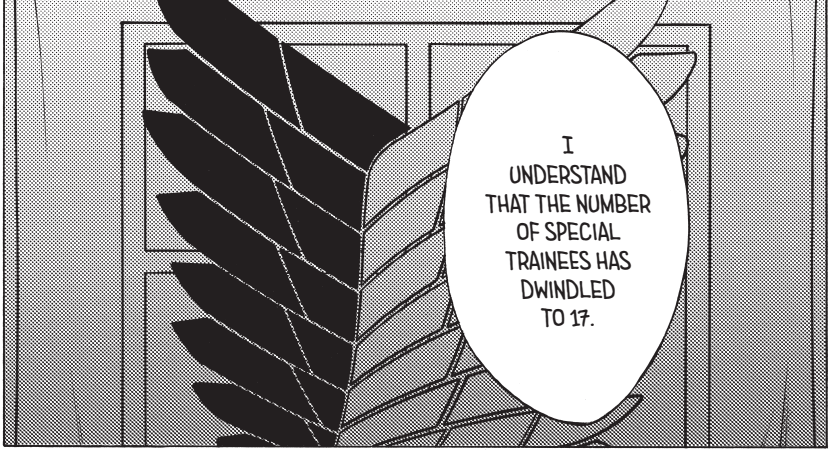
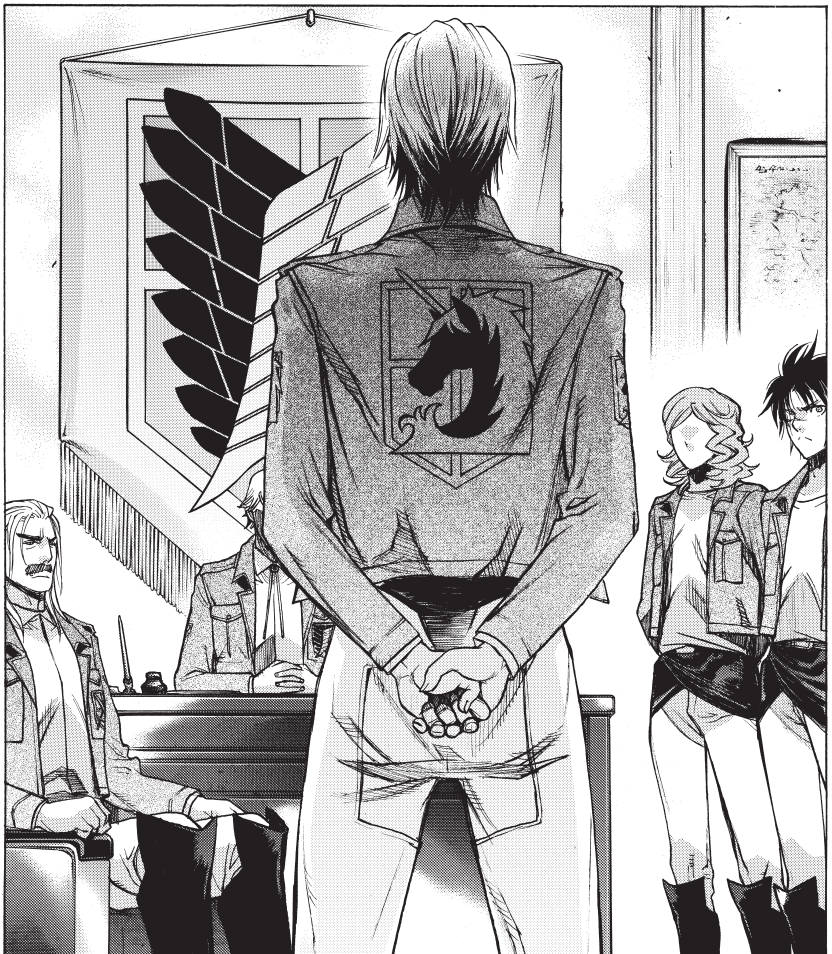
Chapter 51: Vast Silhouette's Fetters · End

ATTACK ON TITAN

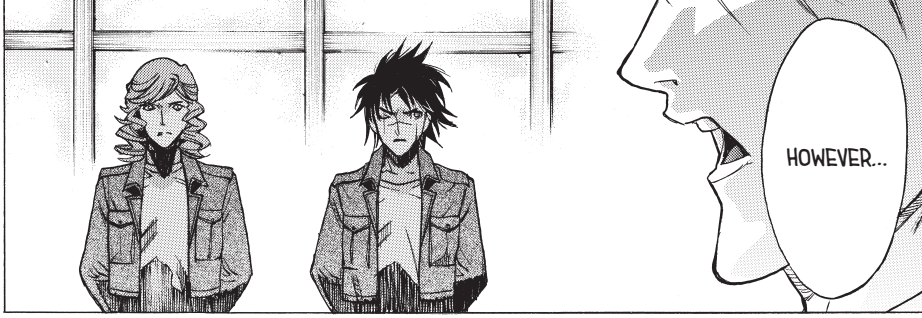
BEFORE THE FALL


I UNDERSTAND THAT THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL TRAINEES HAS DWINDLED TO 17.



Chapter 52: Genesis of the Wings of Hope

NO.
ARE YOU SURE IT WASN'T A BIT TOO EARLY TO BE SHOWING THE SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS THE TITANS THEY'LL BE FIGHTING?
IS THAT SO, INSTRUCTOR JORGE?
GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF TIME UNTIL THE EXPEDITION, WE NEEDED THEM TO RECEIVE THIS BAPTISM NOW.
THE EFFECT IT HAD DOES NOT CHANGE OUR THINKING.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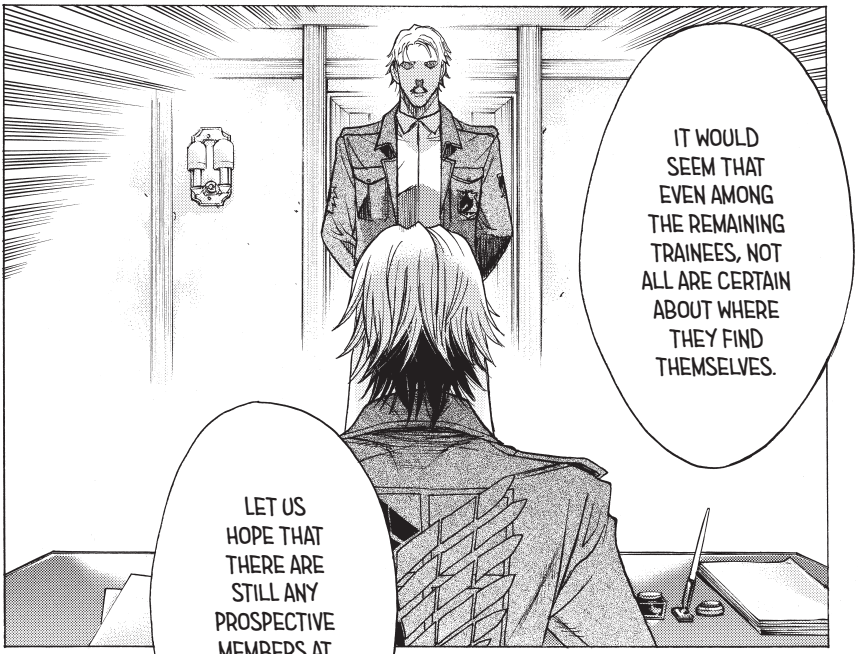
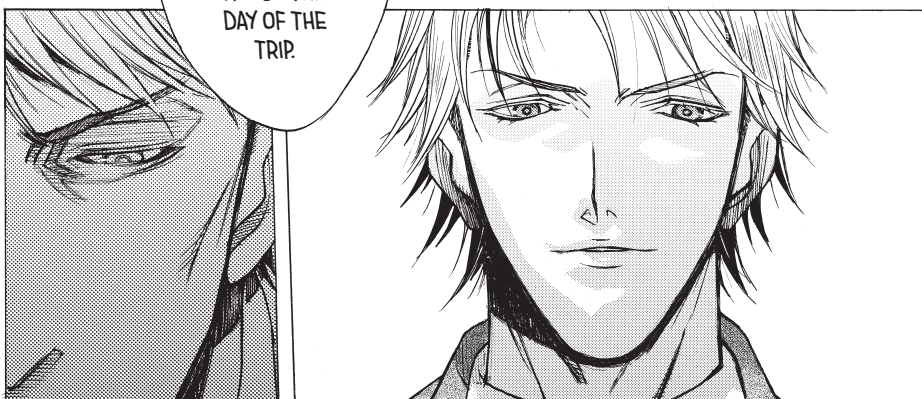
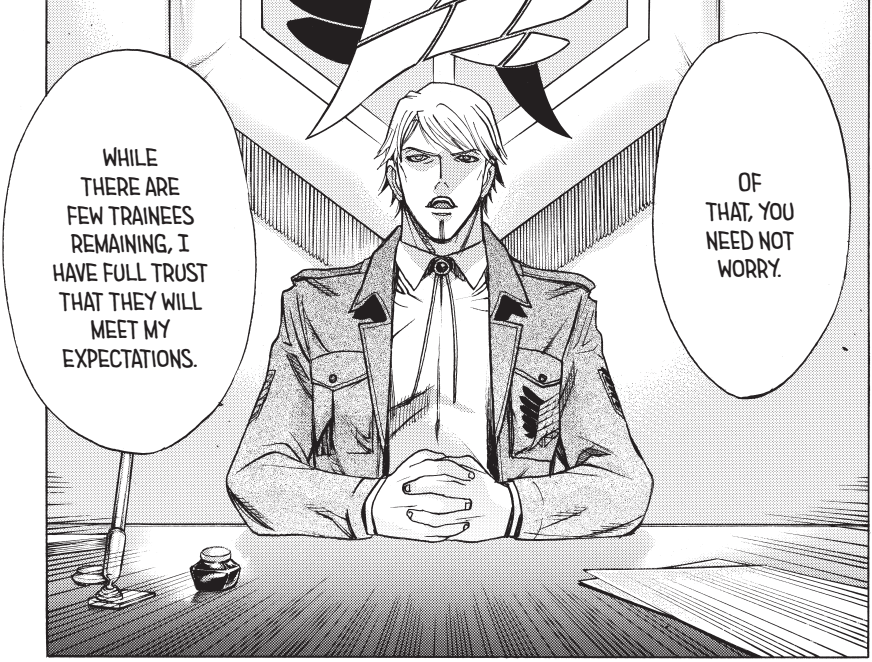
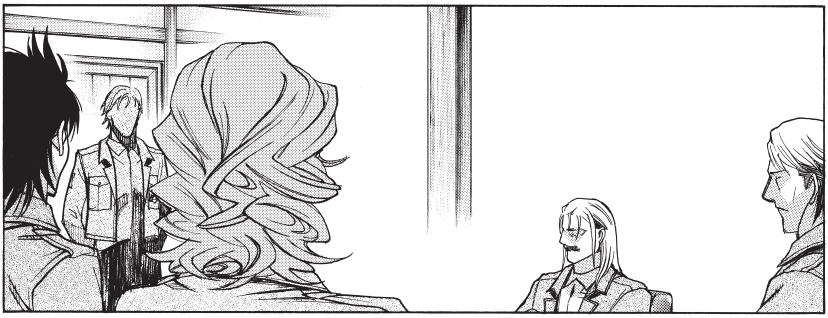

IT WOULD SEEM THAT EVEN AMONG THE REMAINING TRAINEES, NOT ALL ARE CERTAIN ABOUT WHERE THEY FIND THEMSELVES.


LET US HOPE THAT THERE ARE STILL ANY PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AT ALL BY THE DAY OF THE TRIP.


WHILE THERE ARE FEW TRAINEES REMAINING, I HAVE FULL TRUST THAT THEY WILL MEET MY EXPECTATIONS.
OF THAT, YOU NEED NOT WORRY.



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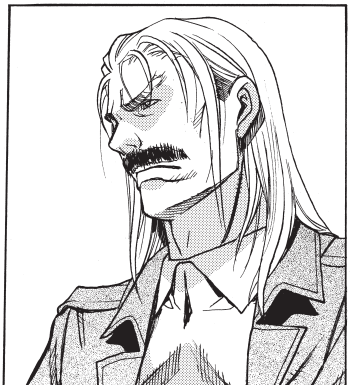
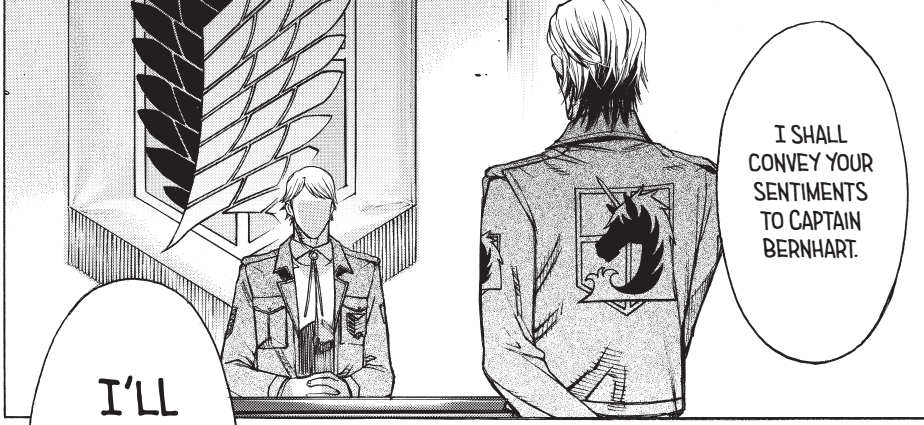
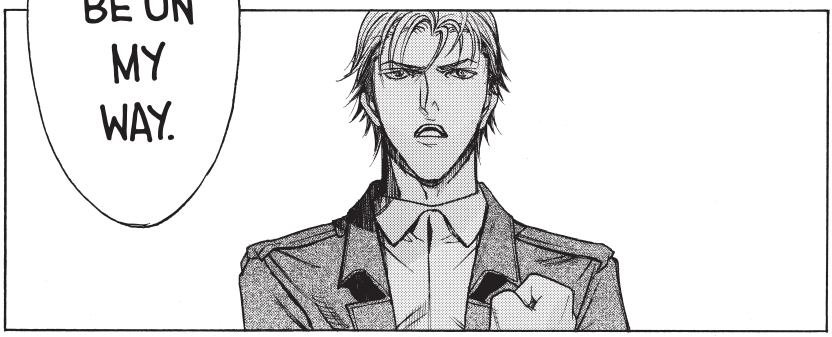
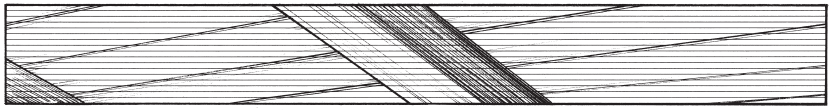



I SHALL CONVEY YOUR SENTIMENTS TO CAPTAIN BERNHART.


I'LL BE ON MY WAY.



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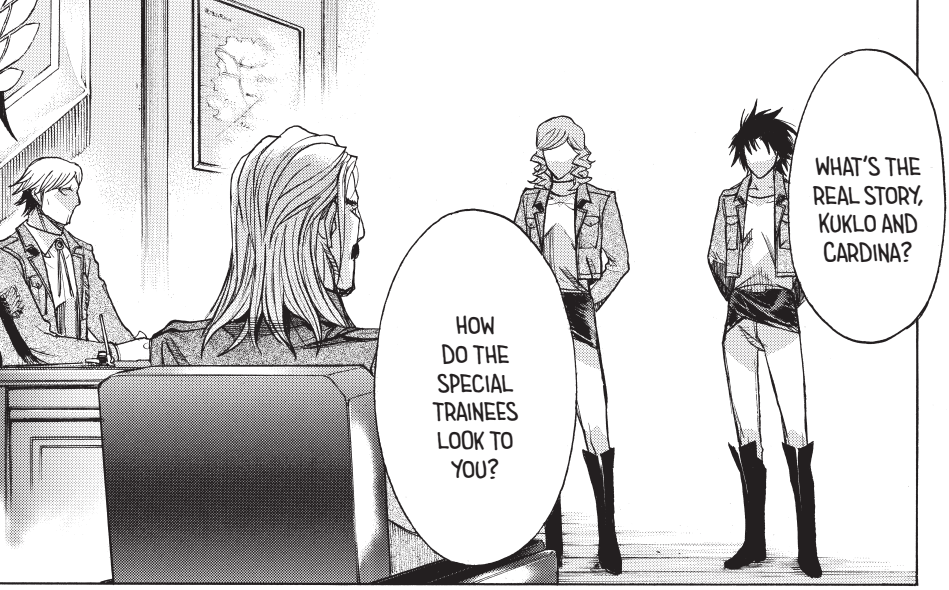
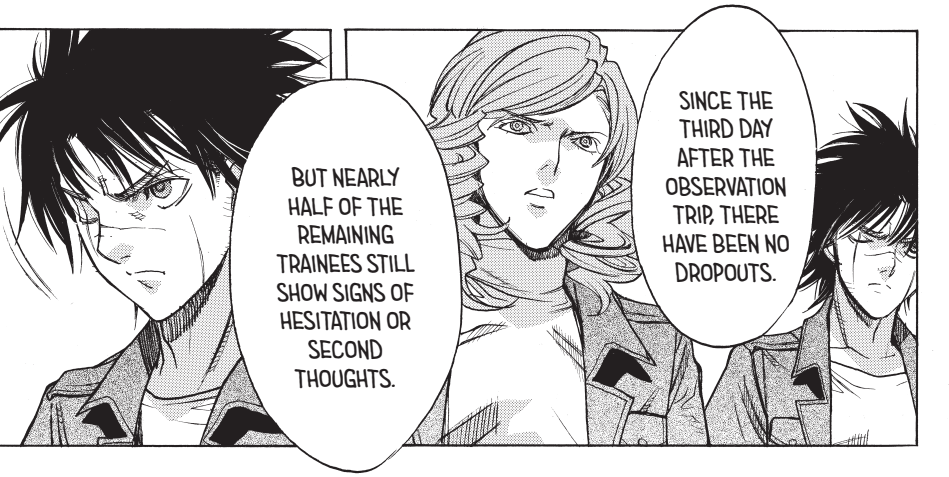
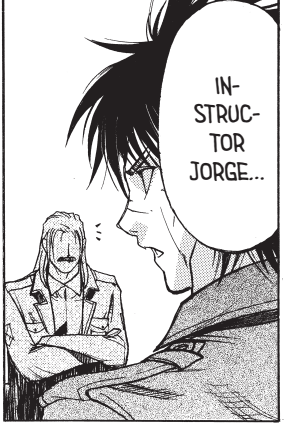

WHAT'S THE REAL STORY, KUKLO AND CARDINA?
HOW DO THE SPECIAL TRAINEES LOOK TO YOU?


SINCE THE THIRD DAY AFTER THE OBSERVATION TRIP, THERE HAVE BEEN NO DROPOUTS.
BUT NEARLY HALF OF THE REMAINING TRAINEES STILL SHOW SIGNS OF HESITATION OR SECOND THOUGHTS.

I HAD BEEN READY FOR IT...BUT EVEN STILL, IT IS HARD TO HEAR.


IN-
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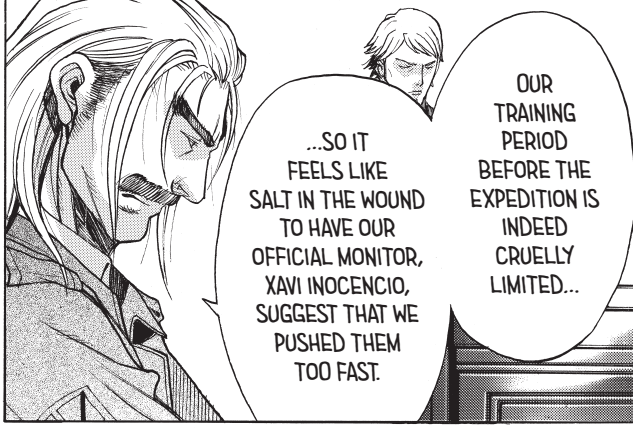
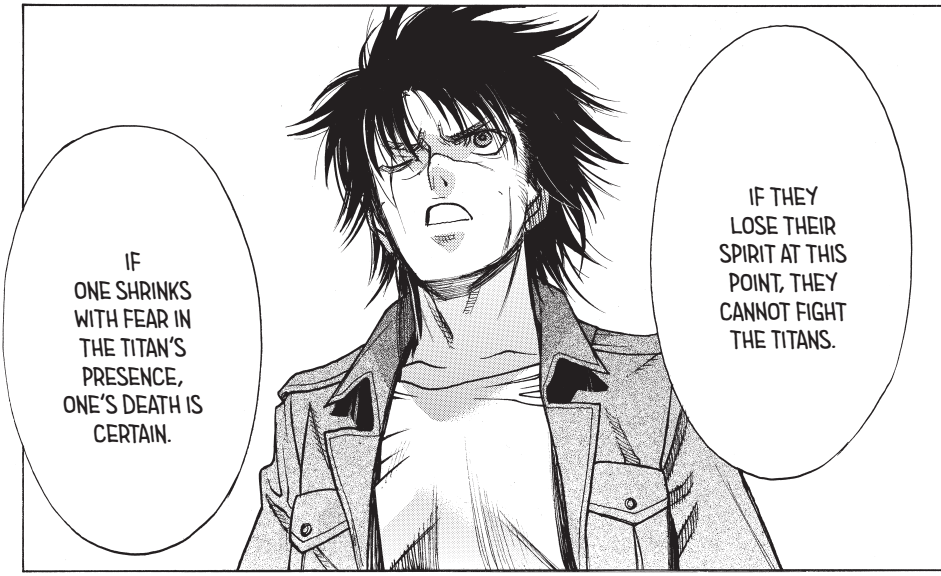
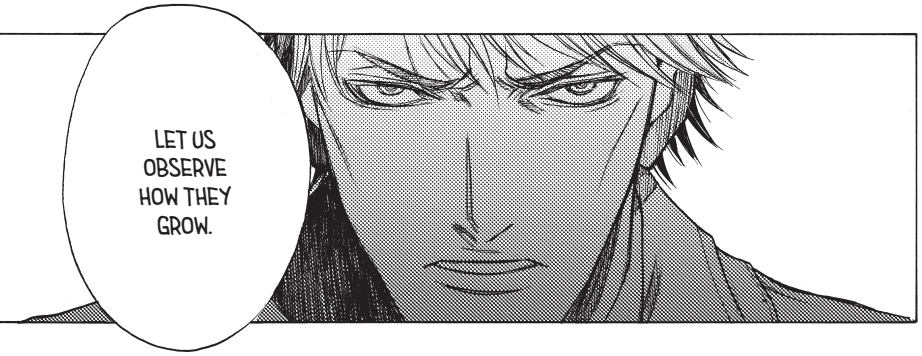
JORGE...

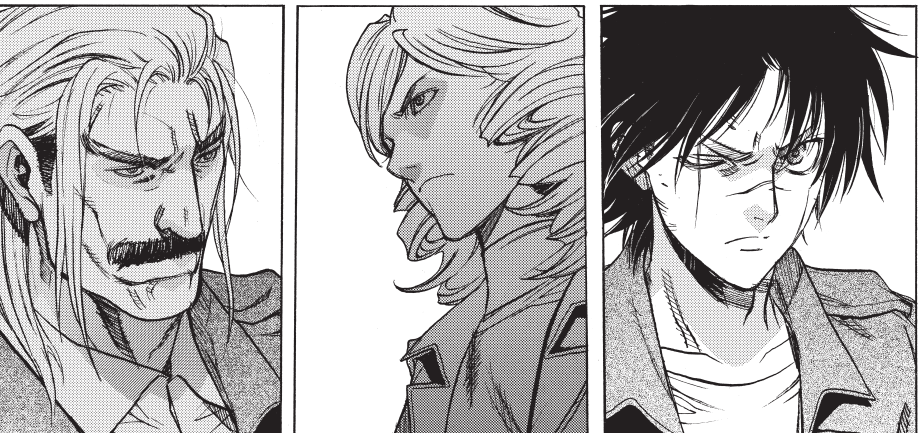

OUR
TRAINING
PERIOD
BEFORE THE
EXPEDITION IS
INDEED
CRUELLY
LIMITED...
...SO IT
FEELS LIKE
SALT IN THE WOUND
TO HAVE OUR
OFFICIAL MONITOR,
XAVI INOCENCIO,
SUGGEST THAT WE
PUSHED THEM
TOO FAST.

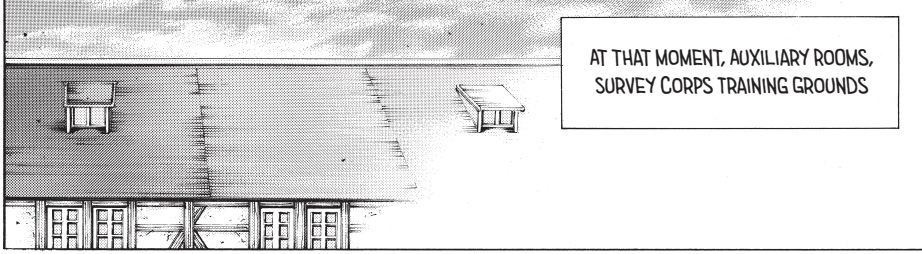

IF THEY
LOSE THEIR
SPIRIT AT THIS
POINT, THEY
CANNOT FIGHT
THE TITANS.
IF
ONE SHRINKS
WITH FEAR IN
THE TITAN'S
PRESENCE,
ONE'S DEATH IS
CERTAIN.

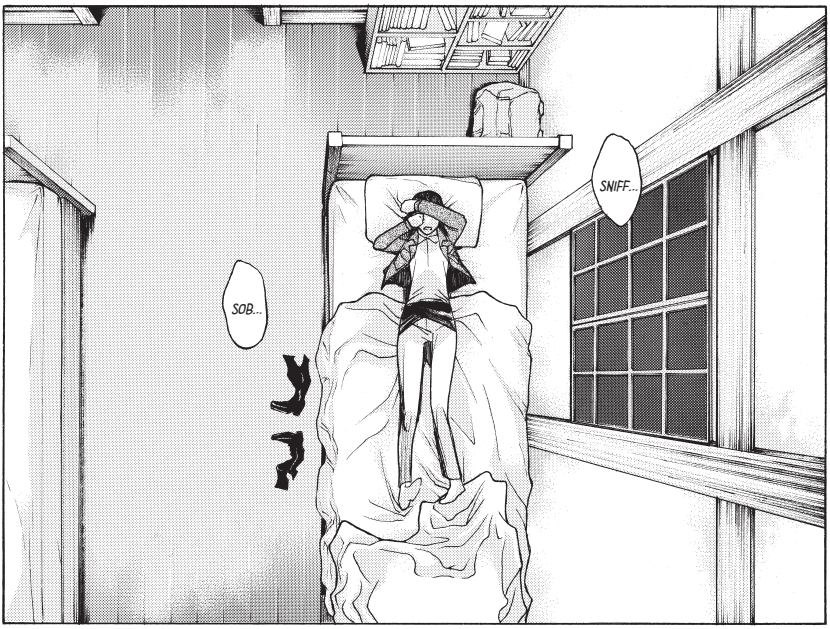
YES...
THAT IS
TRUE.

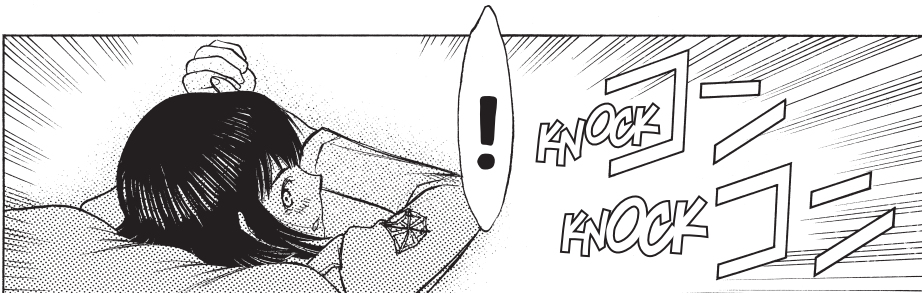
IT IS UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL TO DECIDE HOW THEY HANDLE THAT FEAR.
THERE IS NO HUMAN BEING WHO DOES NOT FEEL FEAR AROUND A TITAN.


LET US OBSERVE HOW THEY GROW.

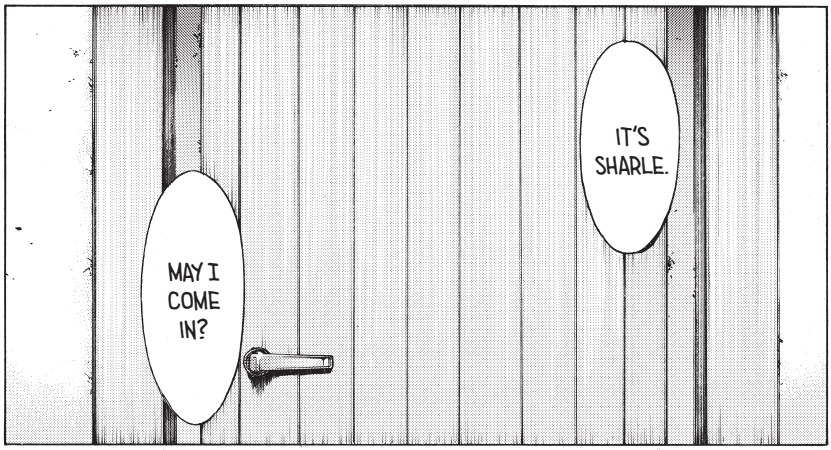



AT THAT MOMENT, AUXILIARY ROOMS, SURVEY CORPS TRAINING GROUNDS


SNIFF...
SOB...

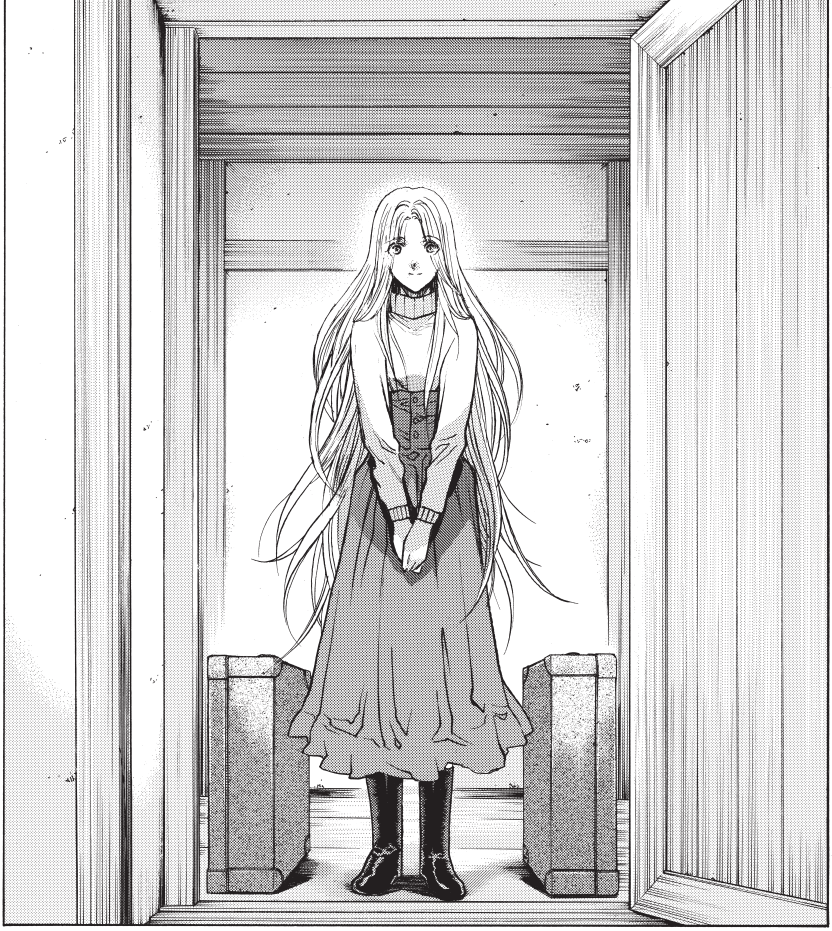

!
KNOCK
KNOCK

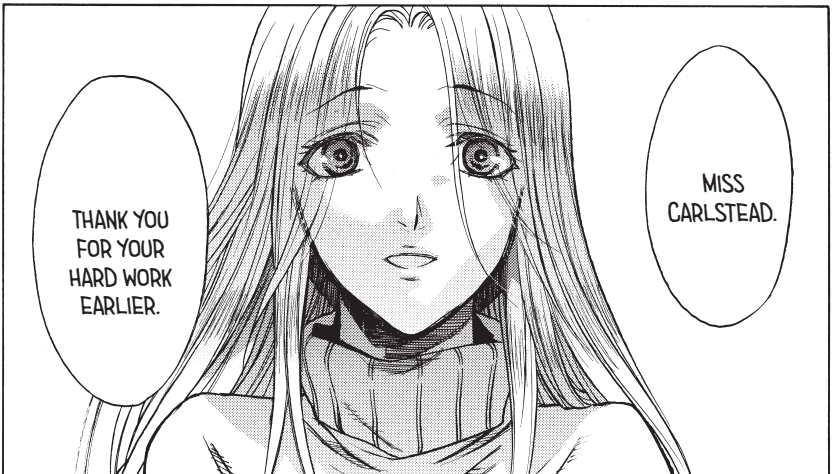
C... COMING!!

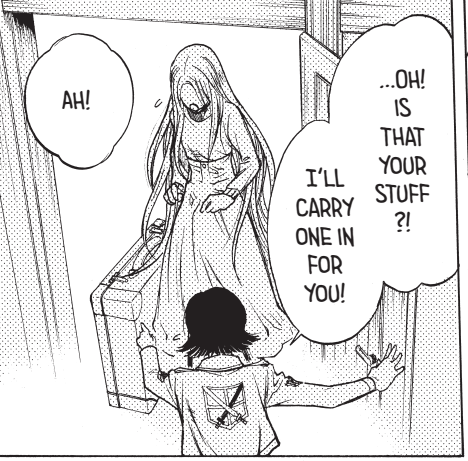

IT'S SHARLE.
MAY I COME IN?

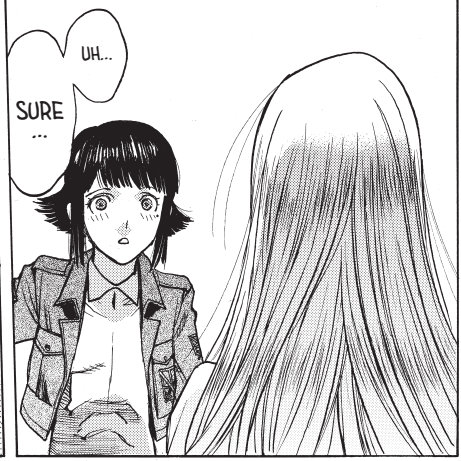
!

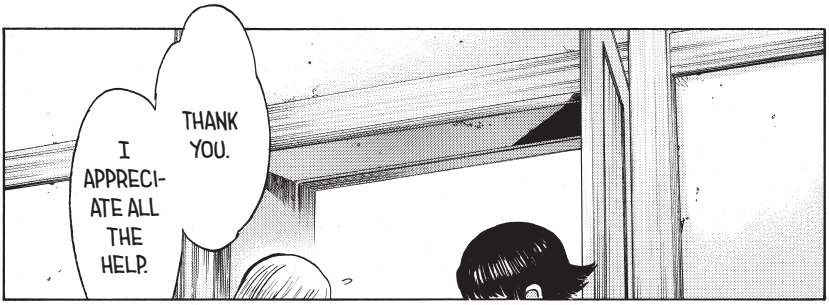
CREAK
I'LL GET THE DOOR!
UM... SURE!



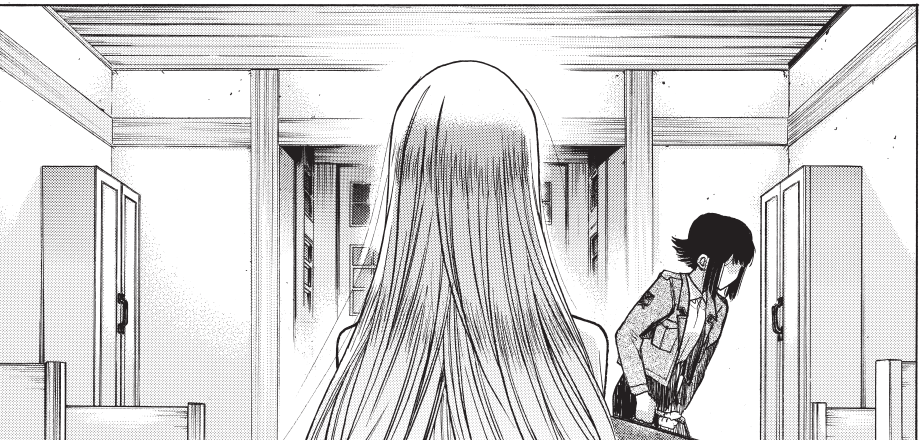

MISS CARLSTEAD.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK EARLIER.


AH!
...OH! IS THAT YOUR STUFF ?!
I'LL CARRY ONE IN FOR YOU!


UH...
SURE ...


THANK YOU.
I APPRECIATE ALL THE HELP.

THUMP



SO YOU'VE HAD THIS ROOM ALL TO YOURSELF?

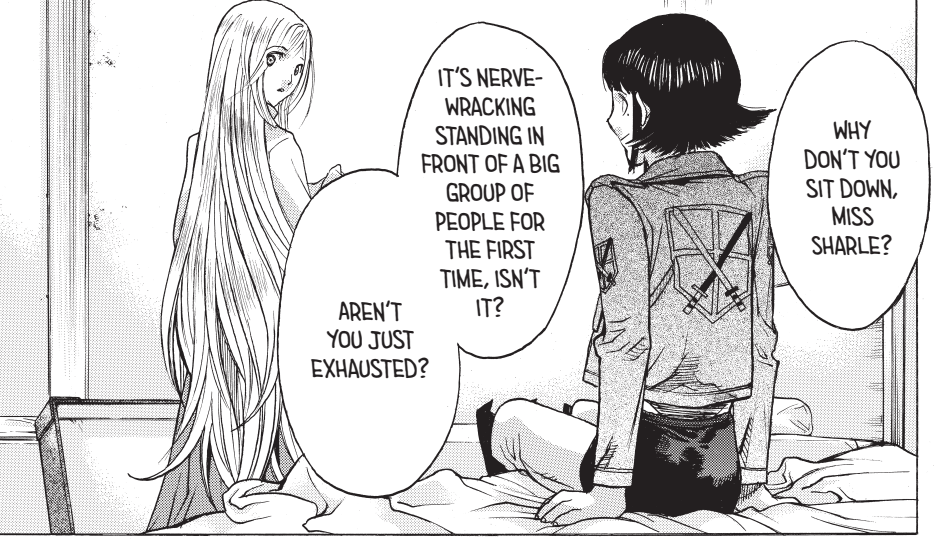
YEAH.

BEING THE ONLY GIRL IN AN OTHER-WISE ALL-BOYS DORM WASN'T DETERMINED TO BE THE BEST IDEA...

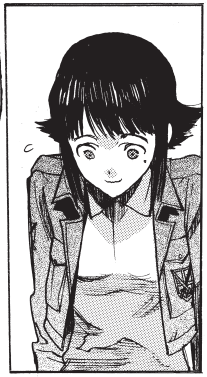
...SO THE DEPUTY CAPTAIN OF THE SURVEY CORPS SET UP THIS LODGING ROOM IN THE MAIN BARRACKS FOR ME.

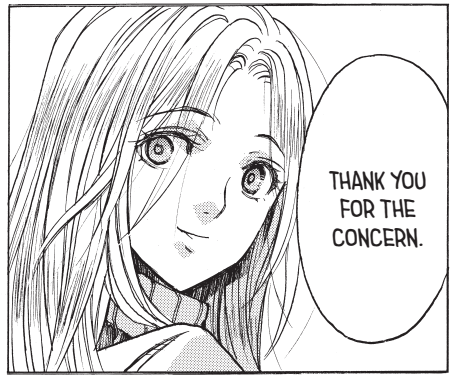
YOU CAN TAKE THAT BED.

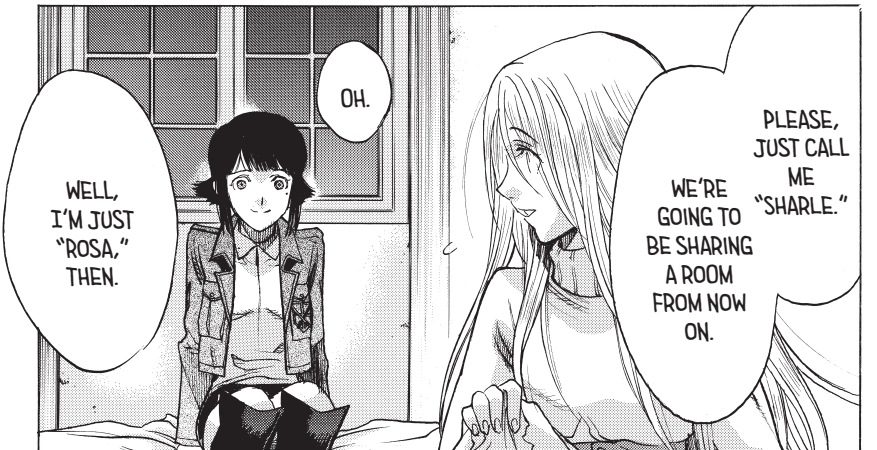
OKAY.


WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN, MISS SHARLE?
IT'S NERVE-WRACKING STANDING IN FRONT OF A BIG GROUP OF PEOPLE FOR THE FIRST TIME, ISN'T IT?
AREN'T YOU JUST EXHAUSTED?

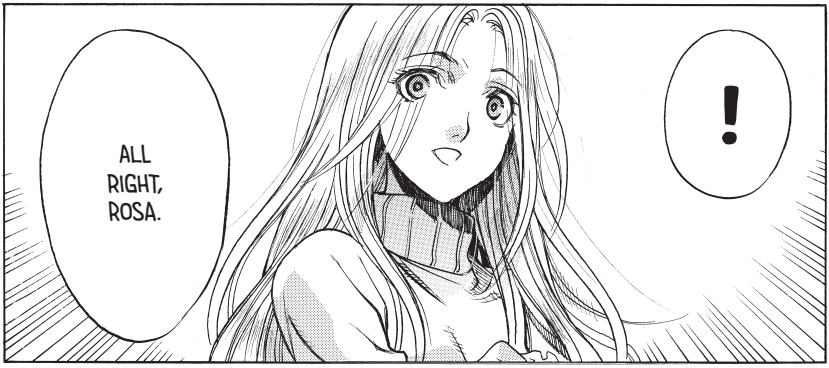
UM...




THANK YOU FOR THE CONCERN.


PLEASE, JUST CALL ME "SHARLE."
WE'RE GOING TO BE SHARING A ROOM FROM NOW ON.
OH.
WELL, I'M JUST "ROSA," THEN.

IT'S NOT REALLY MY THING.
PLUS...YOU'VE BEEN ACTING A BIT STUFFY AND FORMAL. LET'S NOT DO THAT, OKAY?


ALL RIGHT, ROSA.
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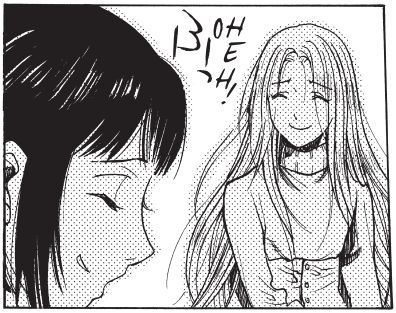
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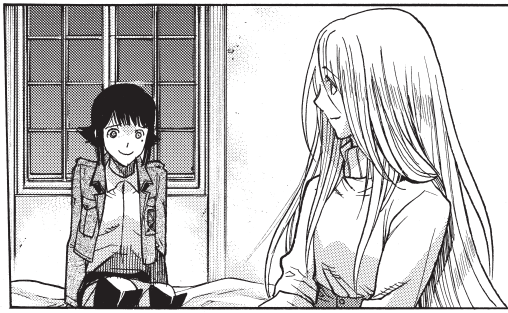

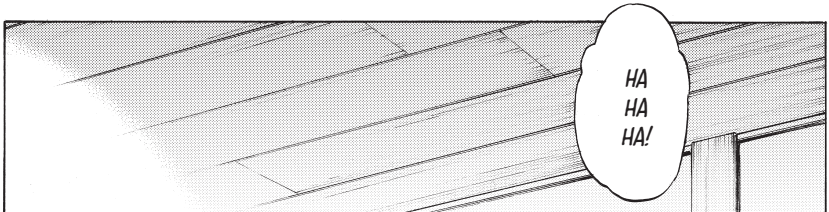
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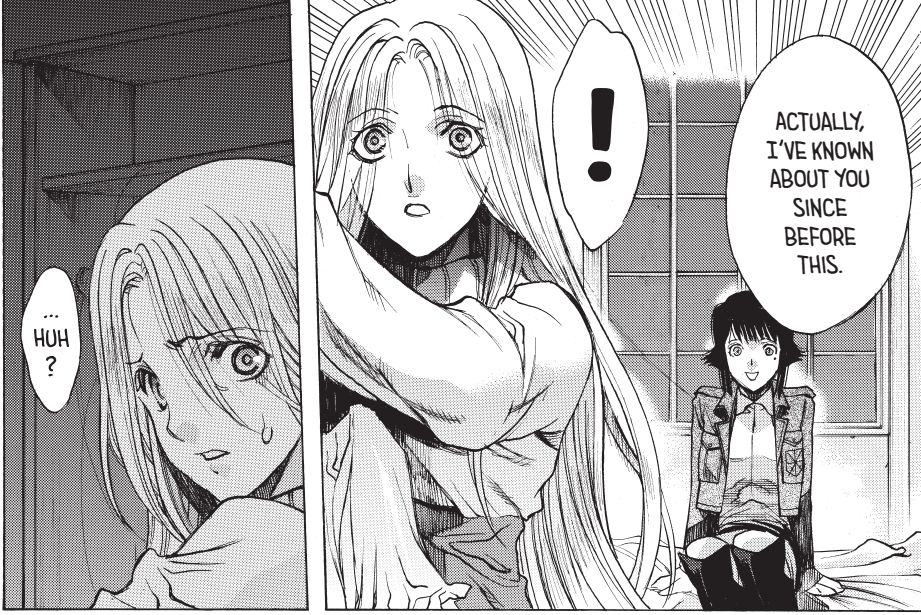
ACTUALLY, I'VE KNOWN ABOUT YOU SINCE BEFORE THIS.
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...HUH?

I THINK IT WAS TEN DAYS AGO?
I SAW YOU GET OUT OF A CARRIAGE IN FRONT OF THE MAIN BUILDING.
YOU WERE WITH ANGEL.

...OHHH!
THAT WAS WHEN I BROUGHT THE FIRST COMPLETED VERSION OF THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT.
I JUST COULDN'T WAIT TO SHOW IT TO KUKLO–
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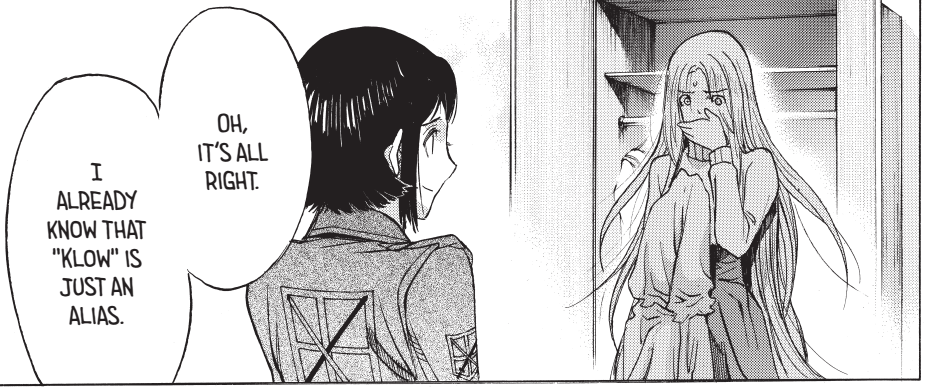
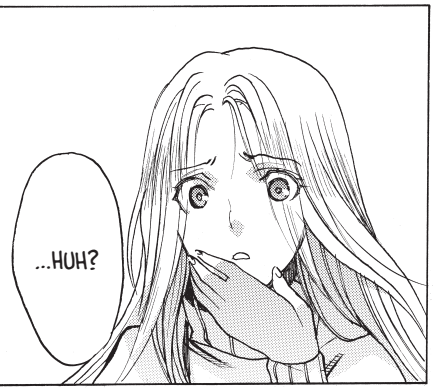
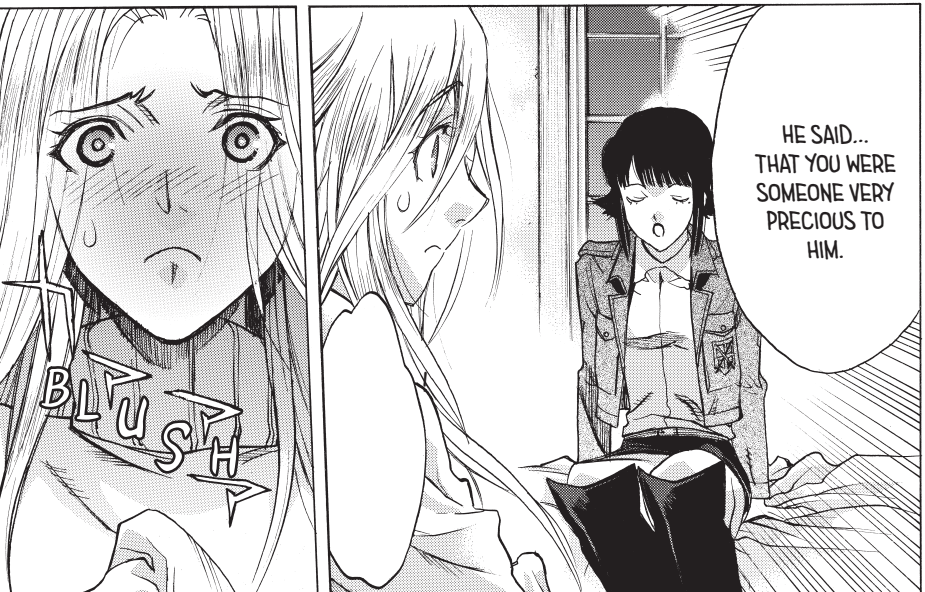
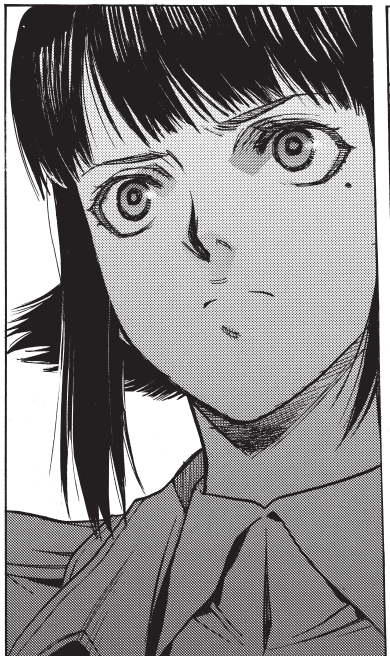

OH, IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I ALREADY KNOW THAT "KLOW" IS JUST AN ALIAS.

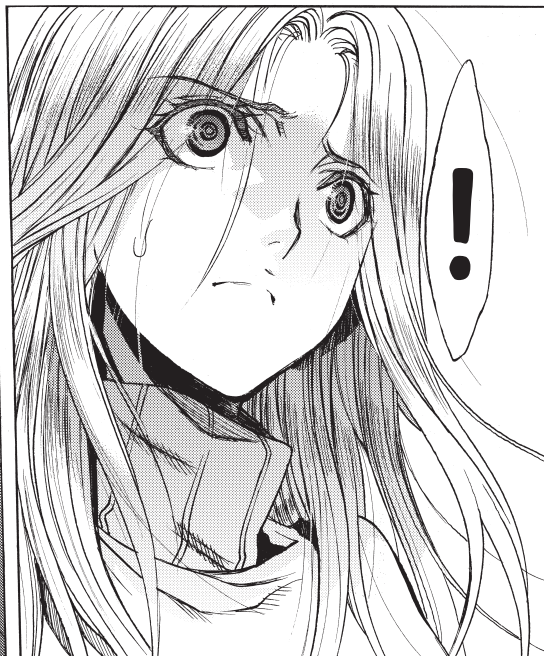

...HUH?

KUKLO WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD ME ABOUT YOU FIRST, ANYWAY.


BLUSH
HE SAID... THAT YOU WERE SOMEONE VERY PRECIOUS TO HIM.

SO WHAT'S THE STORY?
ARE YOU TWO A COUPLE, OR NOT?

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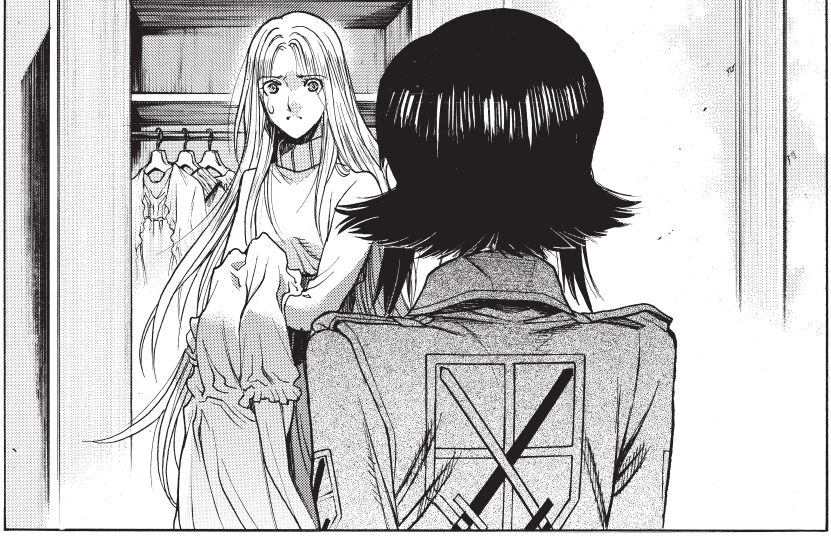

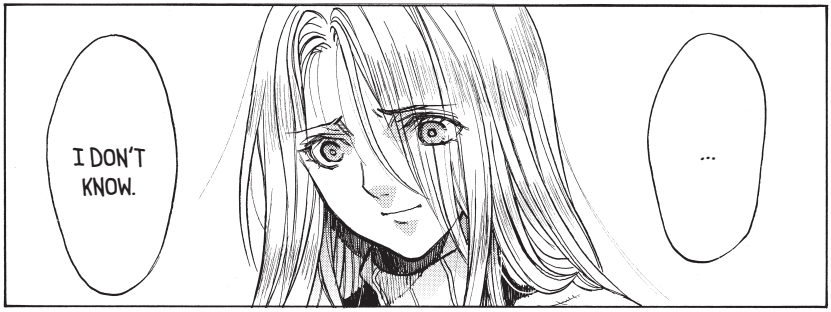
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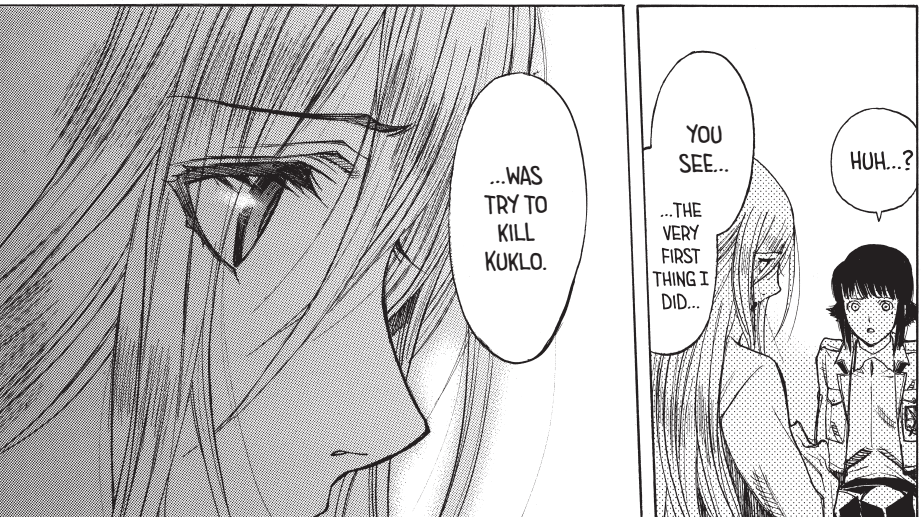
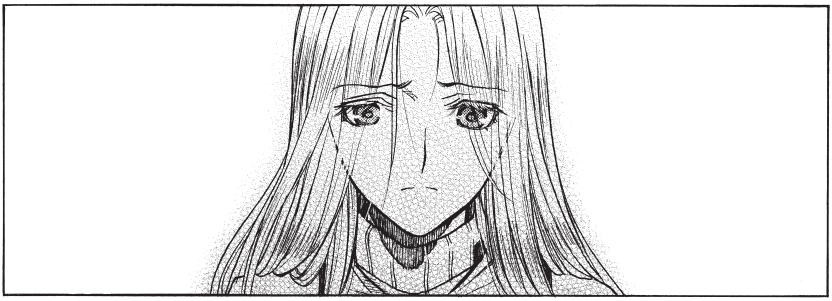
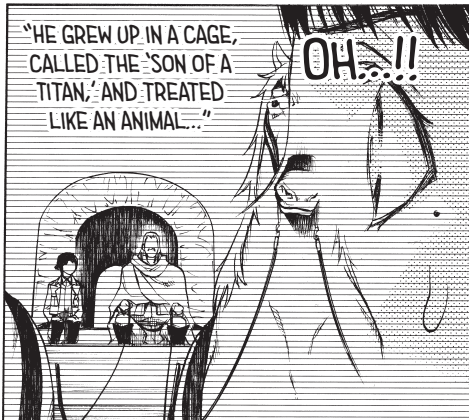
I DON'T KNOW.


HUH...?
YOU SEE...
...THE VERY FIRST THING I DID...
...WAS TRY TO KILL KUKLO.

TWO YEARS AGO...

...MY FAMILY BOUGHT KUKLO AND BROUGHT HIM TO THE HOUSE.

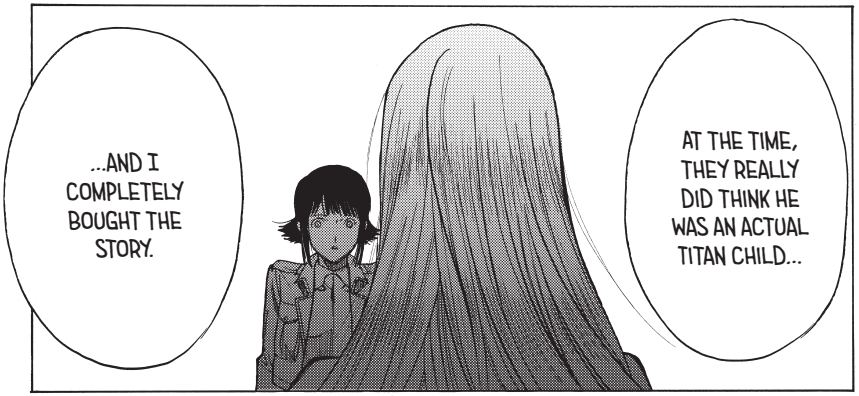


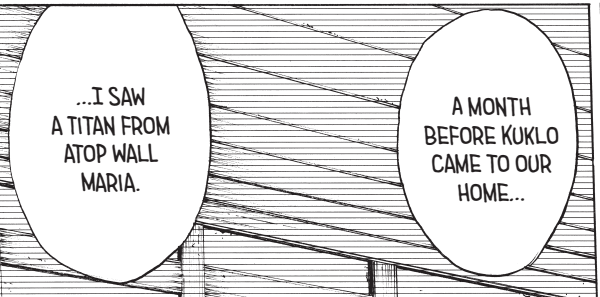


I HEARD A BIT... FROM INSTRUCTOR JORGE...

YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?!
DID KUKLO TELL YOU?

...
OH...


AT THE TIME, THEY REALLY DID THINK HE WAS AN ACTUAL TITAN CHILD...
...AND I COMPLETELY BOUGHT THE STORY.


A MONTH BEFORE KUKLO CAME TO OUR HOME...
...I SAW A TITAN FROM ATOP WALL MARIA.

SHE SAW ONE OF THOSE AWFUL TITANS?!

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AND TWO YEARS AGO... HOW OLD WAS SHE THEN?!

IT WAS... SCARY.

I WAS TERRIFIED.

I FELT LIKE IT WAS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NOT EXIST...

"EVEN IF I HAVE TO DIE TO DO IT!!"

I SAID, "WE CAN'T LET SUCH A THING INTO OUR HOUSE...INTO OUR TOWN! IT MUSTN'T BE ALLOWED TO LIVE!!"

...THEN I WOULD FINALLY HAVE A MEANING AND VALUE TO MY LIFE BEYOND BEING A TOOL FOR FURTHERING MY FAMILY'S GLORY THROUGH MARRIAGE.

THAT IF I COULD SAVE THE TOWNS-PEOPLE BY KILLING THE TITAN'S SON...

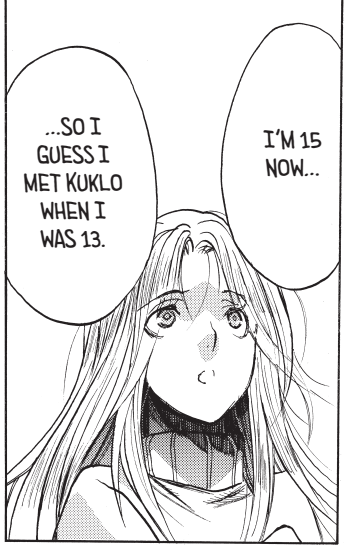
THAT WAS WHAT I TOLD MYSELF.

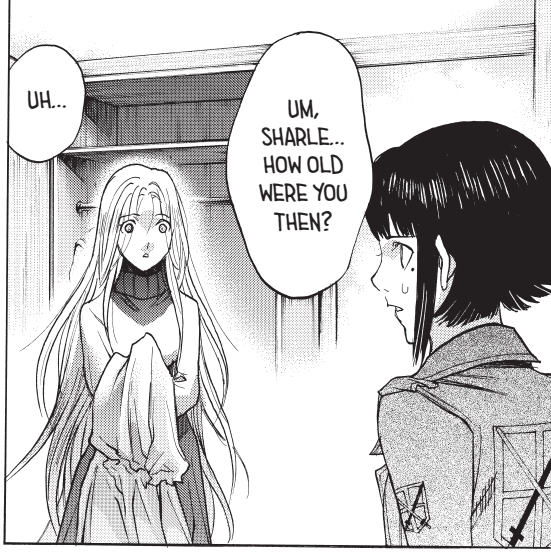
THIS GIRL...

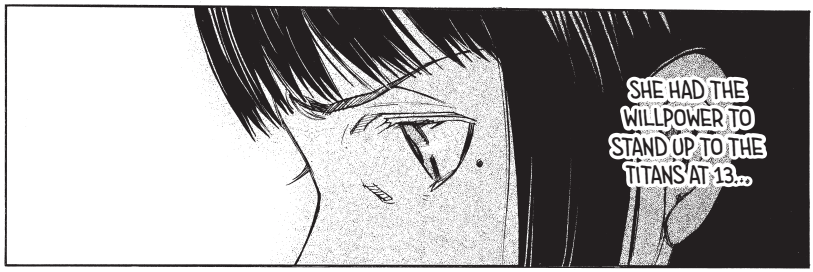
ALL WHILE SHE WAS JUST...

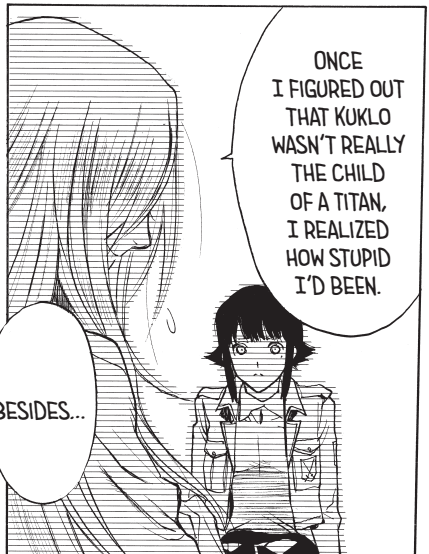
...AND THEN PLAN TO ACTUALLY KILL THEM!!

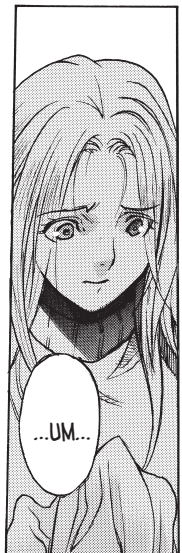
HOW COULD SHE THINK THESE THINGS...? TO WITNESS THE HORRIFYING SIGHT OF THE TITANS...


I'M 15 NOW...
...SO I GUESS I MET KUKLO WHEN I WAS 13.

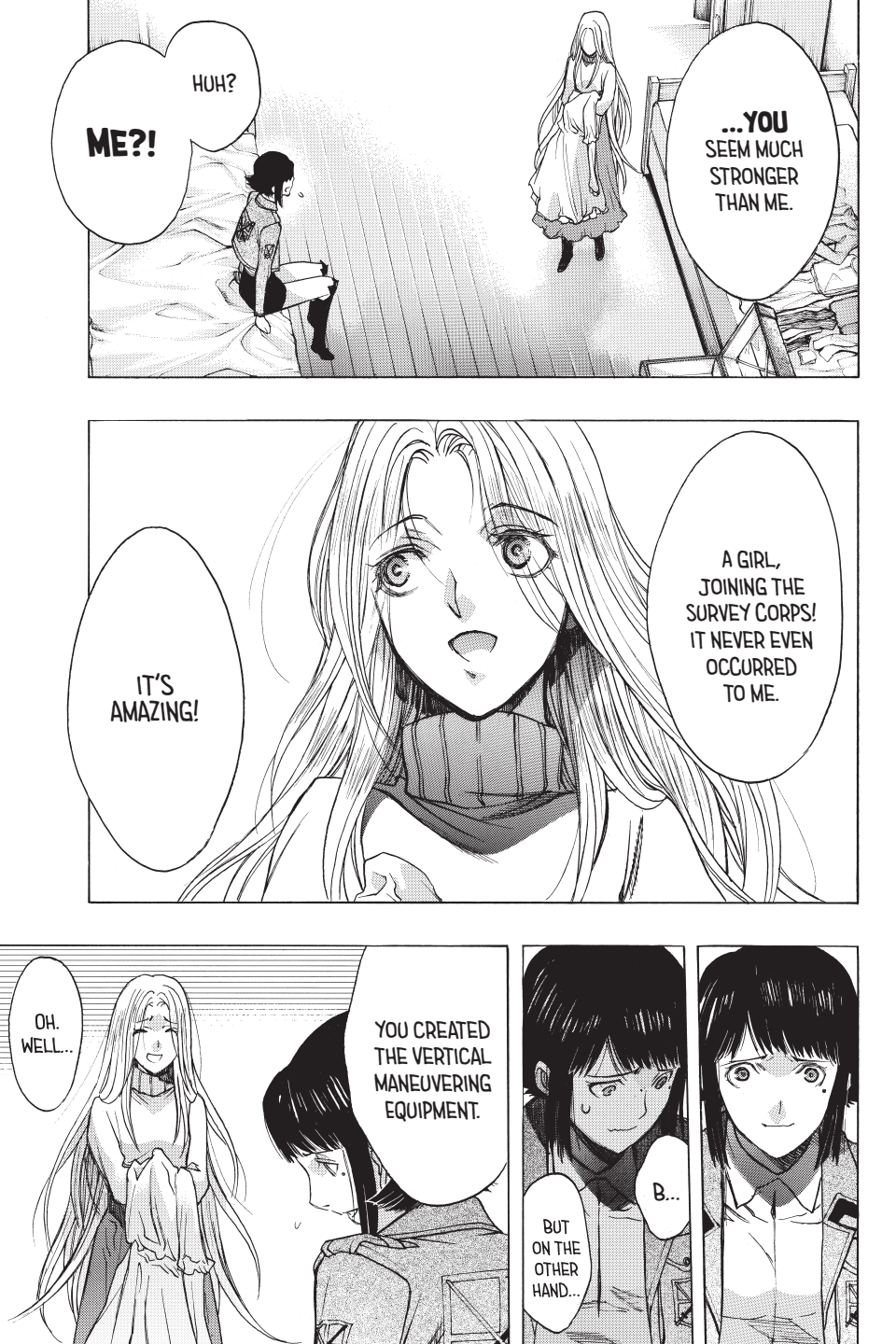

UM, SHARLE... HOW OLD WERE YOU THEN?
UH...

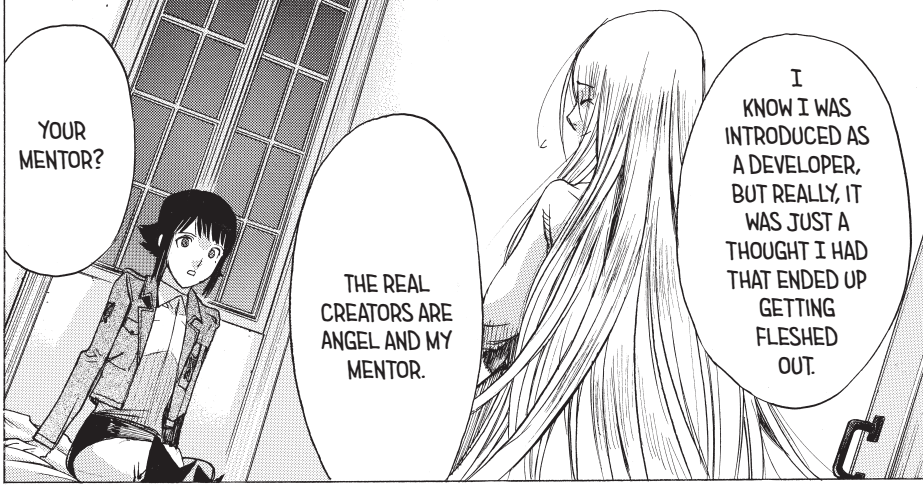

SHE HAD THE WILLPOWER TO STAND UP TO THE TITANS AT 13...

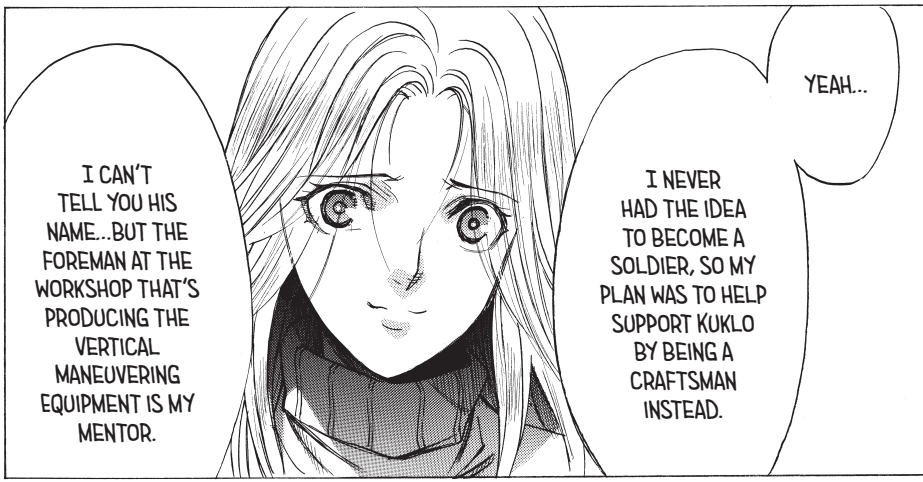

ONCE I FIGURED OUT THAT KUKLO WASN'T REALLY THE CHILD OF A TITAN, I REALIZED HOW STUPID I'D BEEN.
BESIDES...


...UM...

YOU'RE SO STRONG.
HUH?
WH-WHAT?

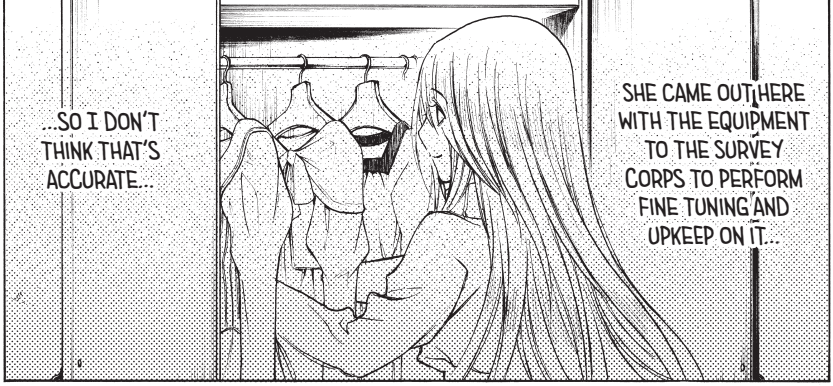

HUH?
ME?!
...YOU SEEM MUCH STRONGER THAN ME.
A GIRL, JOINING THE SURVEY CORPS! IT NEVER EVEN OCCURRED TO ME.
IT'S AMAZING!
OH. WELL...
YOU CREATED THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT.
B...
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND...

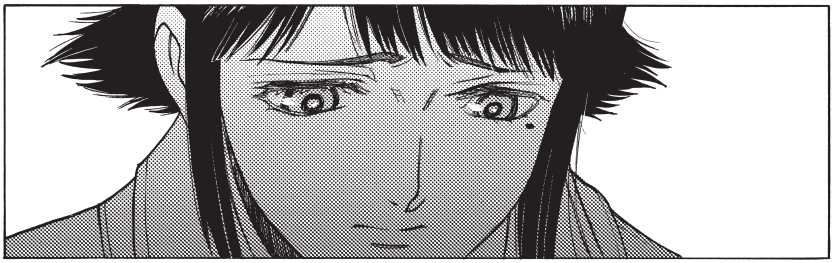

YOUR MENTOR?
THE REAL CREATORS ARE ANGEL AND MY MENTOR.
I KNOW I WAS INTRODUCED AS A DEVELOPER, BUT REALLY, IT WAS JUST A THOUGHT I HAD THAT ENDED UP GETTING FLESHED OUT.


I CAN'T TELL YOU HIS NAME...BUT THE FOREMAN AT THE WORKSHOP THAT'S PRODUCING THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT IS MY MENTOR.
I NEVER HAD THE IDEA TO BECOME A SOLDIER, SO MY PLAN WAS TO HELP SUPPORT KUKLO BY BEING A CRAFTSMAN INSTEAD.
YEAH...

BUT STILL...

OH, I SEE.
I'M STILL JUST A BEGINNER, SO I CAN'T PUFF OUT MY CHEST AND CALL MYSELF HIS APPRENTICE YET.


...SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S ACCURATE...
SHE CAME OUT HERE WITH THE EQUIPMENT TO THE SURVEY CORPS TO PERFORM FINE TUNING AND UPKEEP ON IT...



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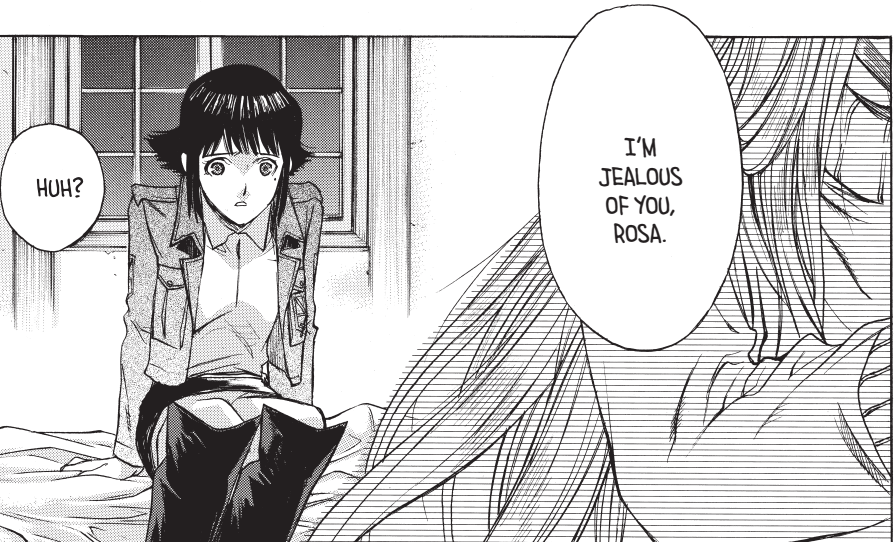
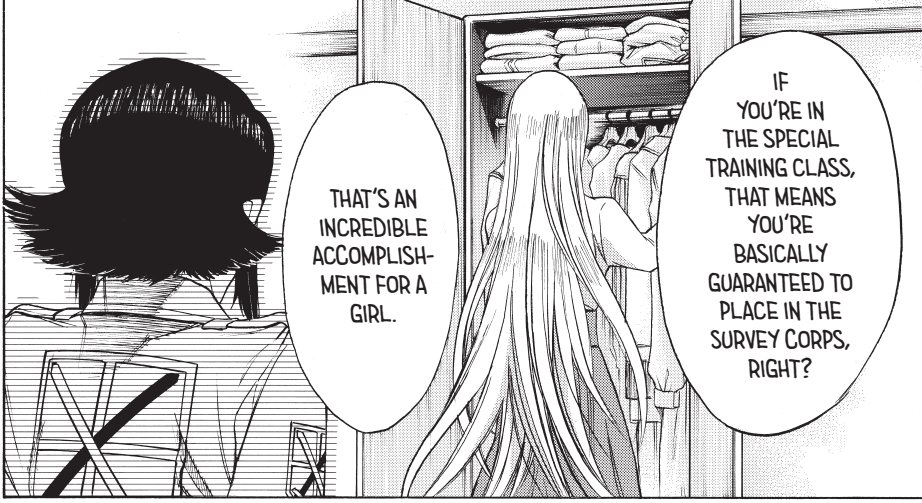
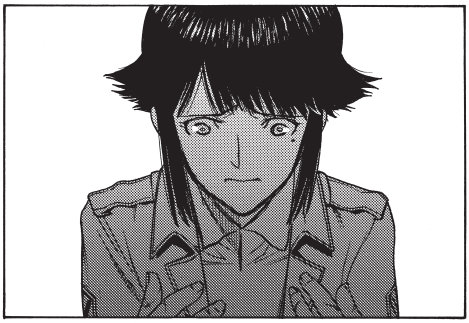
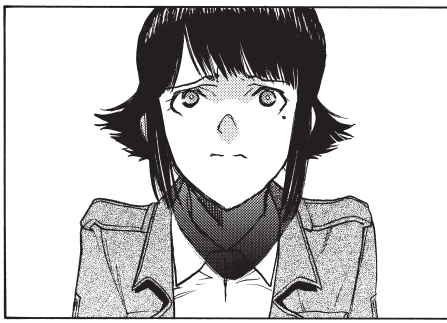
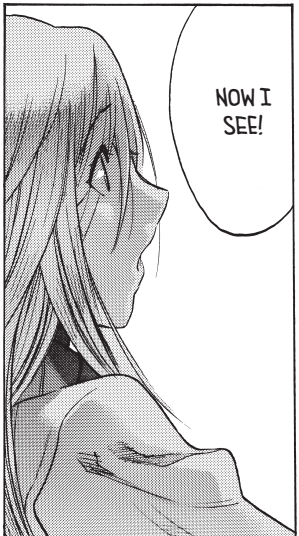
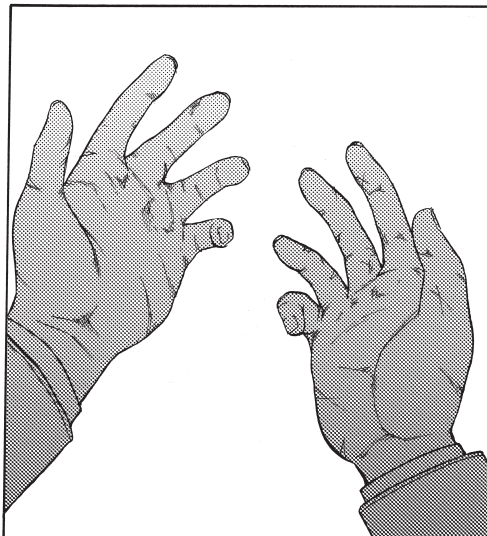

HUH?
I'M JEALOUS OF YOU, ROSA.

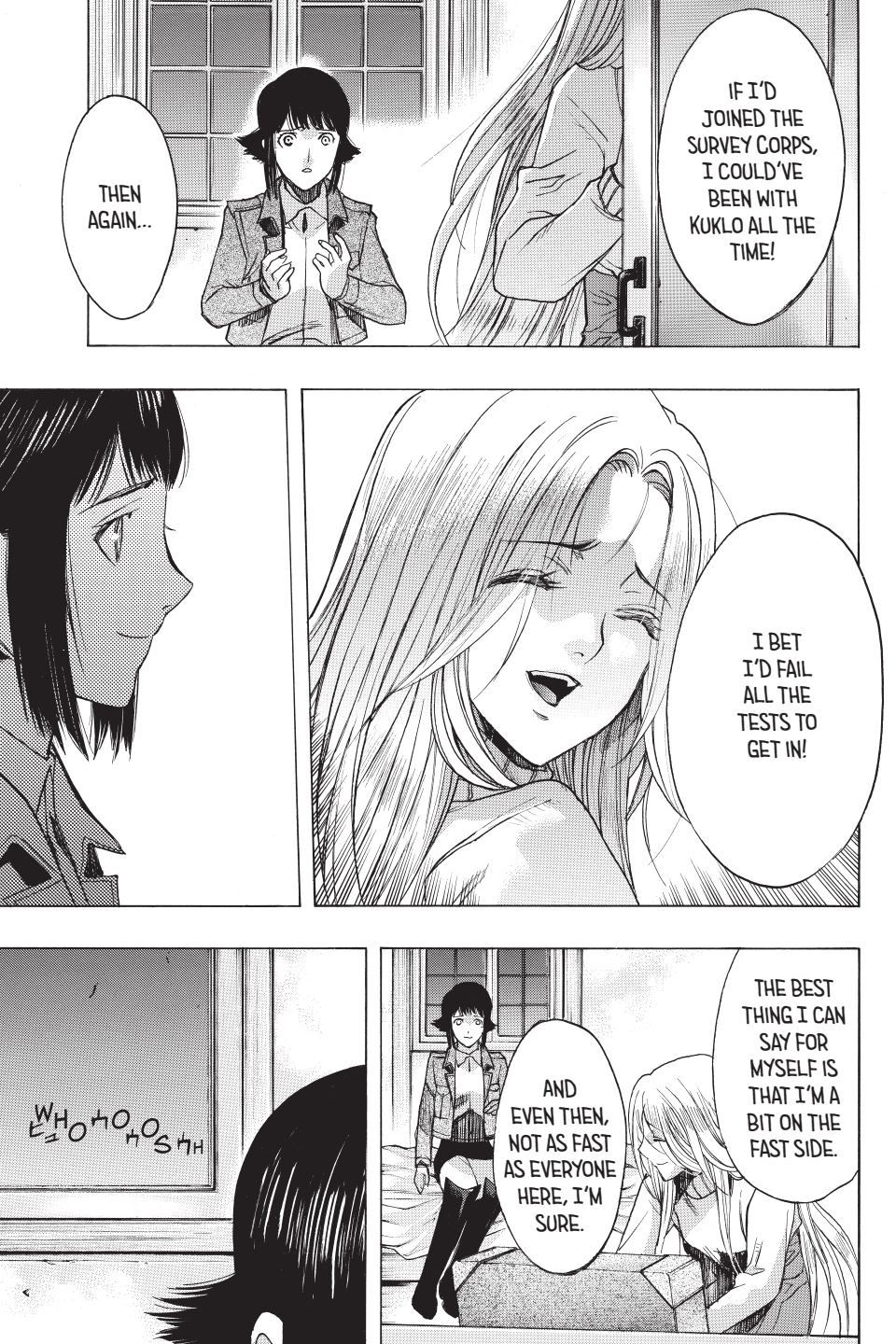

THAT'S AN INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISH-MENT FOR A GIRL.
IF YOU'RE IN THE SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS, THAT MEANS YOU'RE BASICALLY GUARANTEED TO PLACE IN THE SURVEY CORPS, RIGHT?






NOW I SEE!




THEN AGAIN...
IF I'D JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, I COULD'VE BEEN WITH KUKLO ALL THE TIME!
I BET I'D FAIL ALL THE TESTS TO GET IN!
WHOOOOSH
AND EVEN THEN, NOT AS FAST AS EVERYONE HERE, I'M SURE.
THE BEST THING I CAN SAY FOR MYSELF IS THAT I'M A BIT ON THE FAST SIDE.

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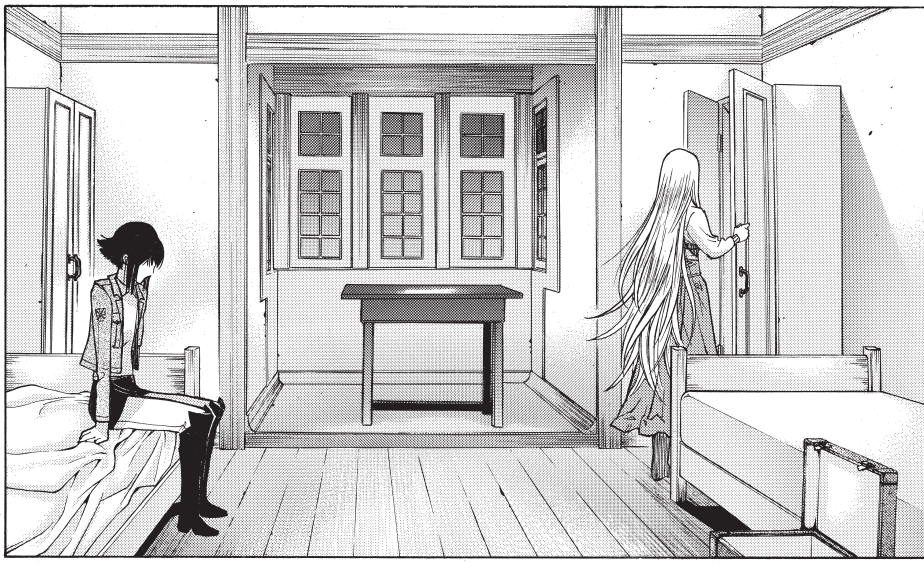

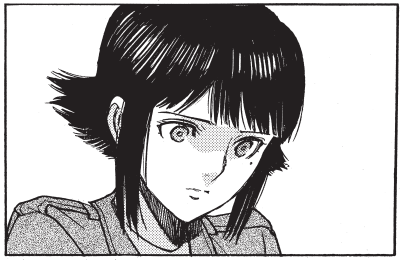

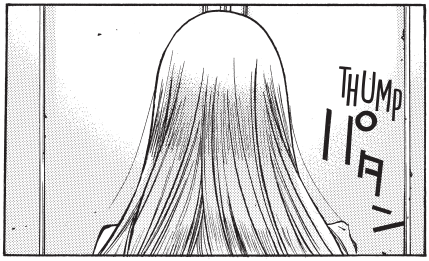
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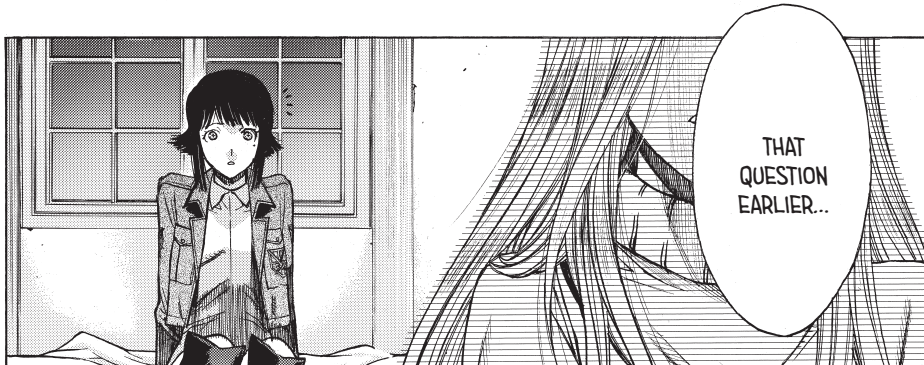
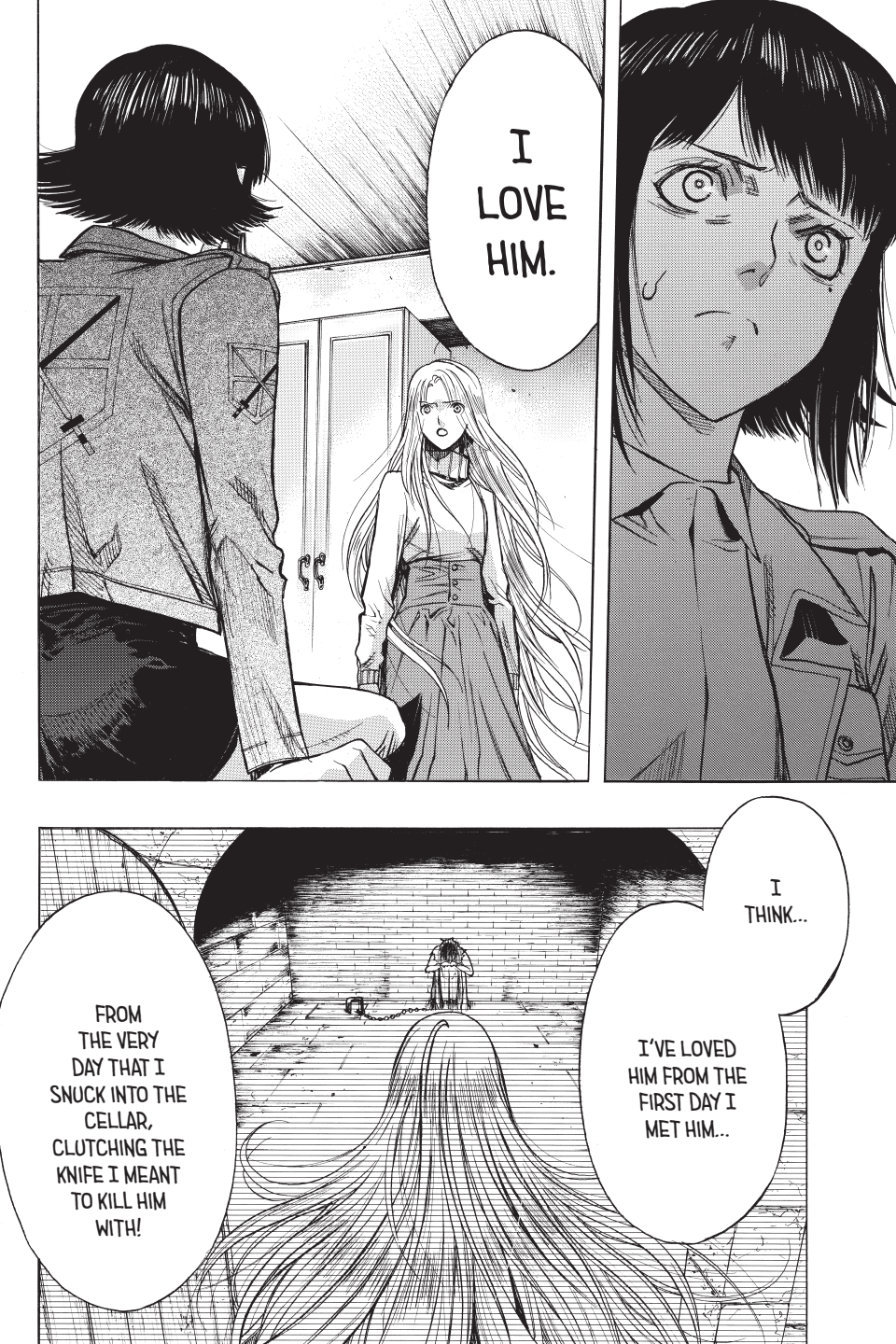

THAT QUESTION EARLIER...

OH... YEAH.
YOU ASKED IF KUKLO AND I WERE A COUPLE.
BUT—!!
WHEN I SAID I DIDN'T KNOW, THAT WAS TRUE...
I DO LIKE KUKLO!


I LOVE HIM.
I THINK...
I'VE LOVED HIM FROM THE FIRST DAY I MET HIM...
FROM THE VERY DAY THAT I SNUCK INTO THE CELLAR, CLUTCHING THE KNIFE I MEANT TO KILL HIM WITH!

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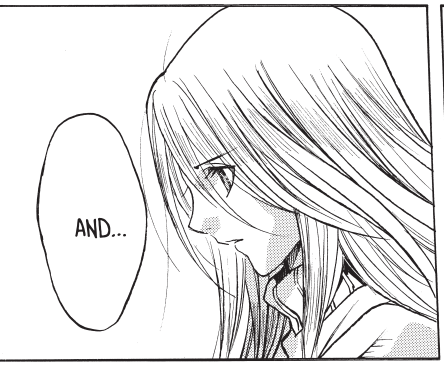
GULP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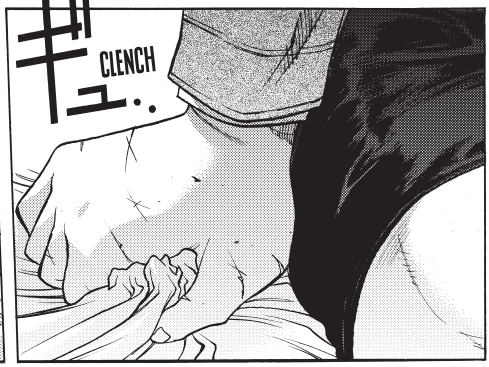
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CLENCH

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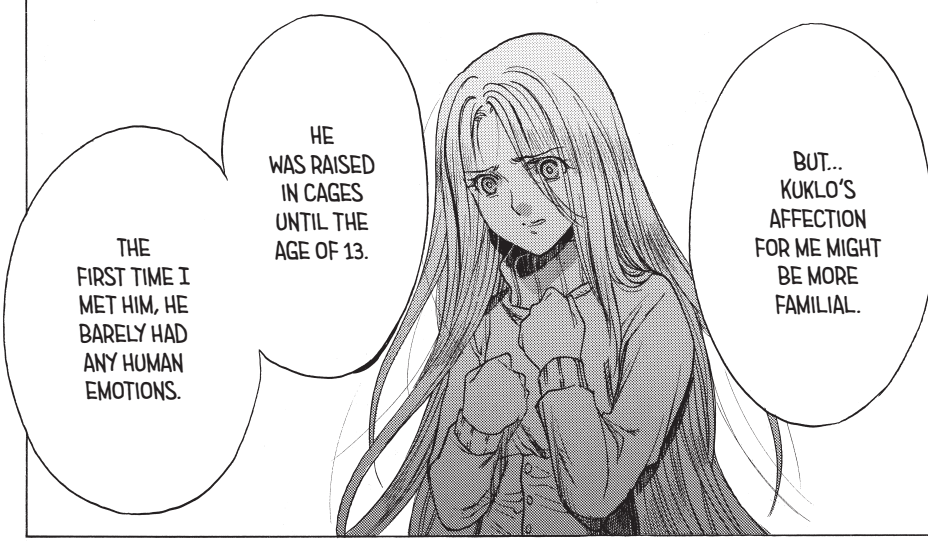
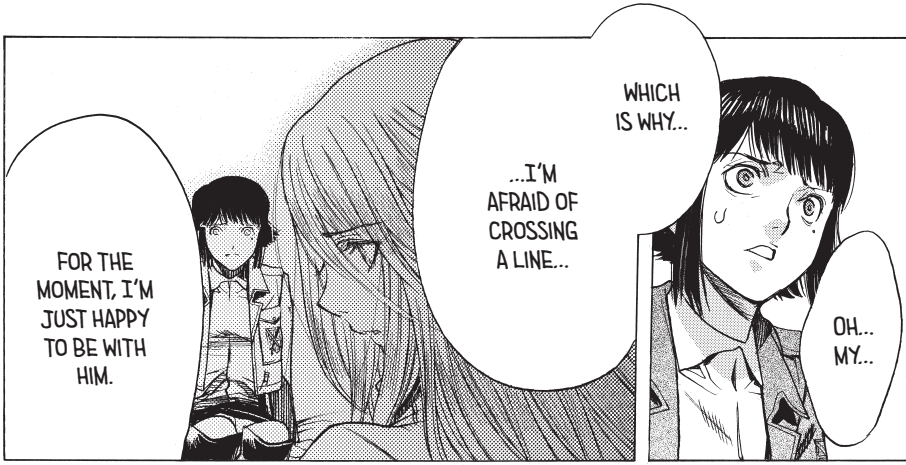
...I THINK THAT KUKLO LIKES ME, TOO.


THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM, HE BARELY HAD ANY HUMAN EMOTIONS.
HE WAS RAISED IN CAGES UNTIL THE AGE OF 13.
BUT... KUKLO'S AFFECTION FOR ME MIGHT BE MORE FAMILIAL.


FOR THE MOMENT, I'M JUST HAPPY TO BE WITH HIM.
...I'M AFRAID OF CROSSING A LINE...
WHICH IS WHY...
OH... MY...

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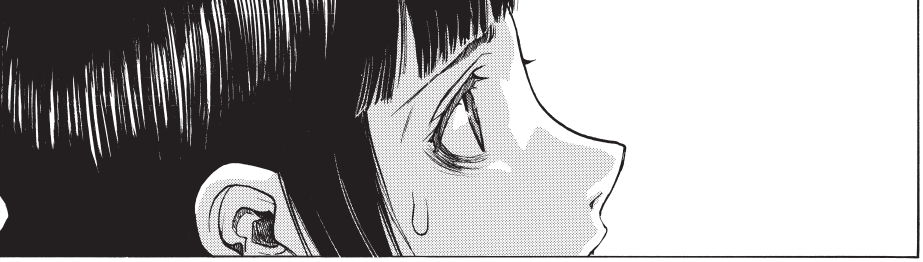
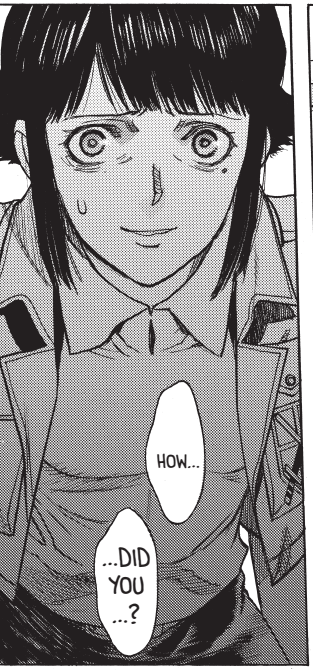
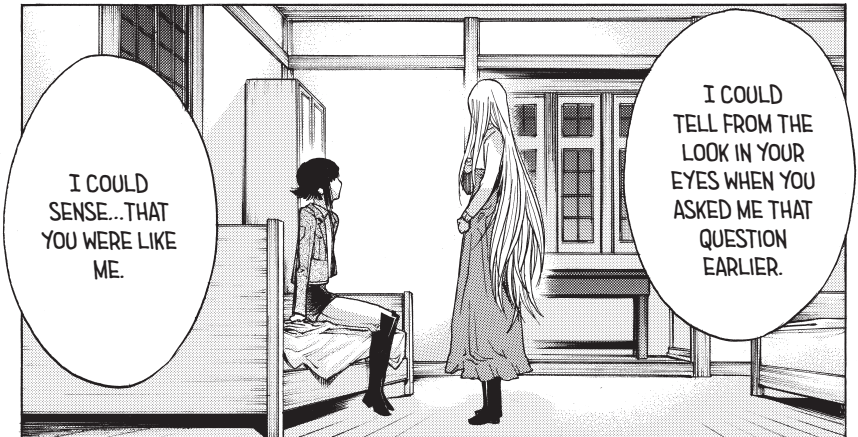
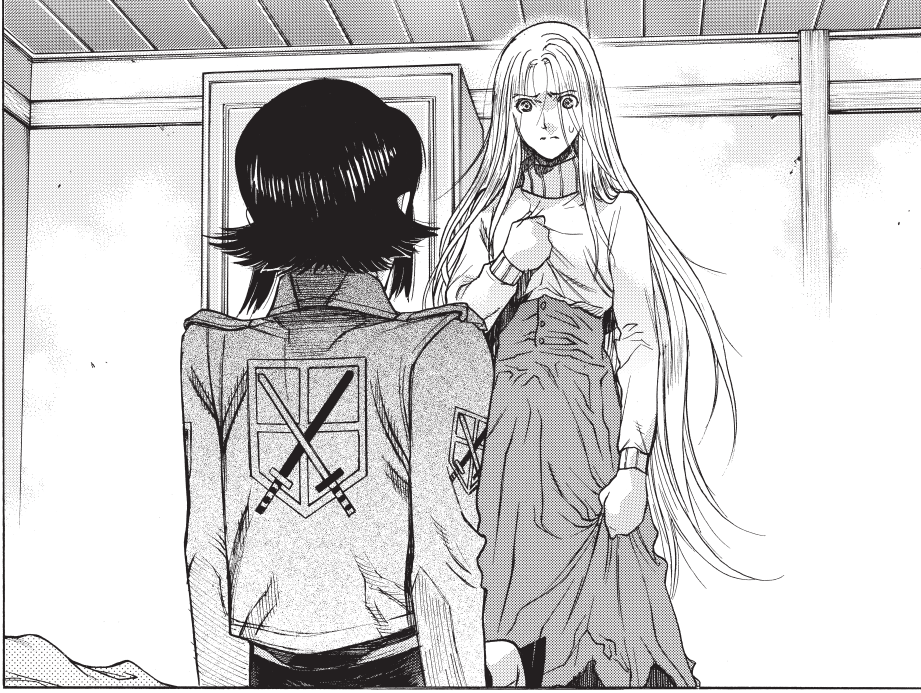
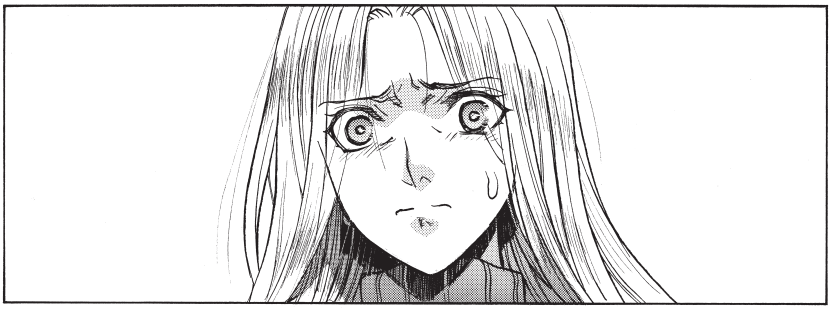


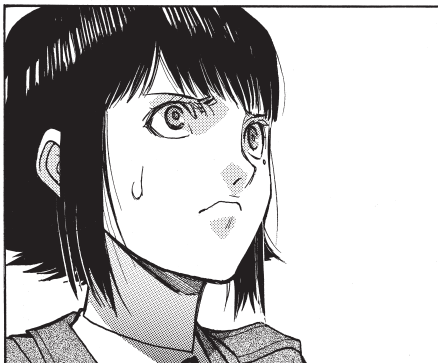

HOW...
...DID YOU ...?

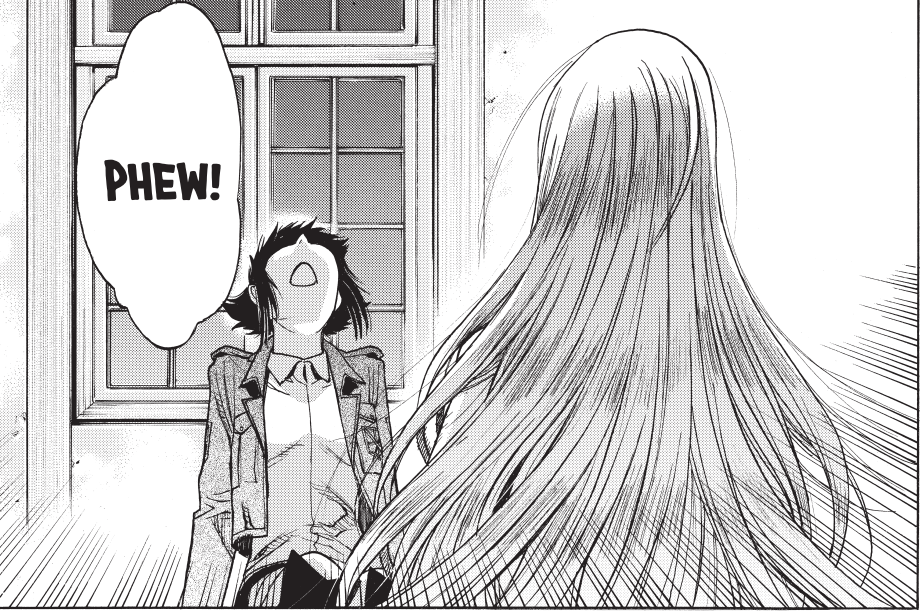
YOU LIKE KUKLO, TOO, DON'T YOU?


I COULD SENSE...THAT YOU WERE LIKE ME.
I COULD TELL FROM THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES WHEN YOU ASKED ME THAT QUESTION EARLIER.





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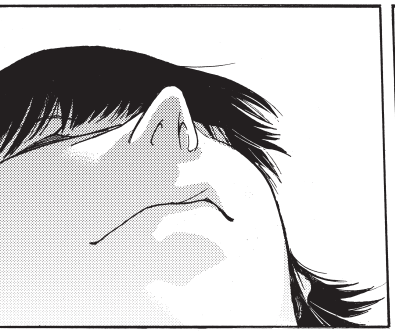
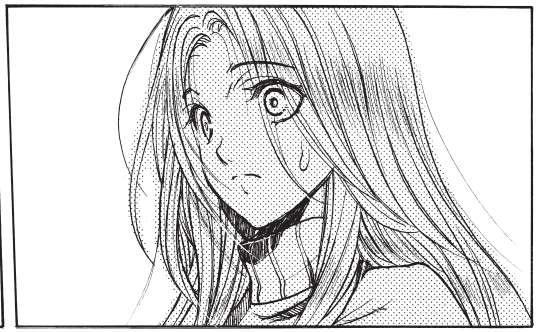
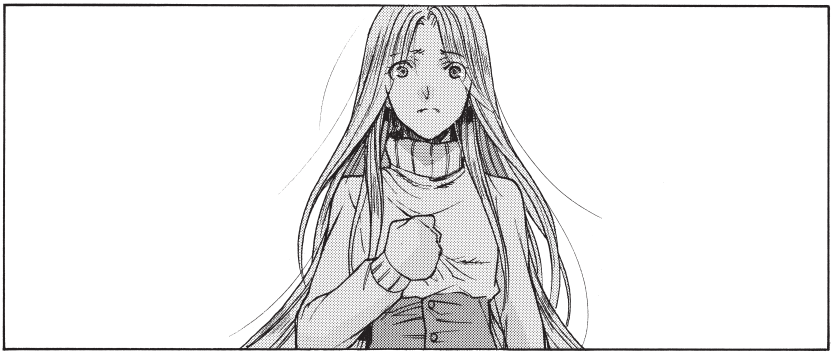




I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING, TOO.

I WAS WONDERING IF I MIGHT ACTUALLY LIKE KUKLO.



BUT... WHEN I HEARD YOUR QUESTION JUST NOW...

...I REALIZED THAT I HAD IT WRONG.

AND IT ALL JUST FELL INTO PLACE IN MY HEAD.

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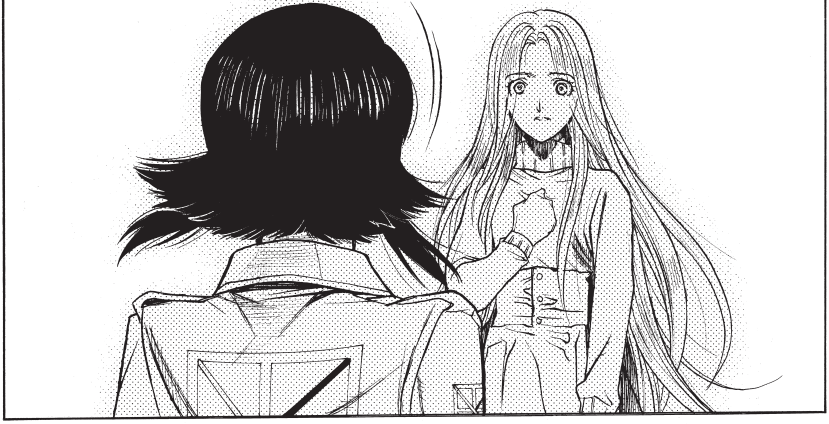
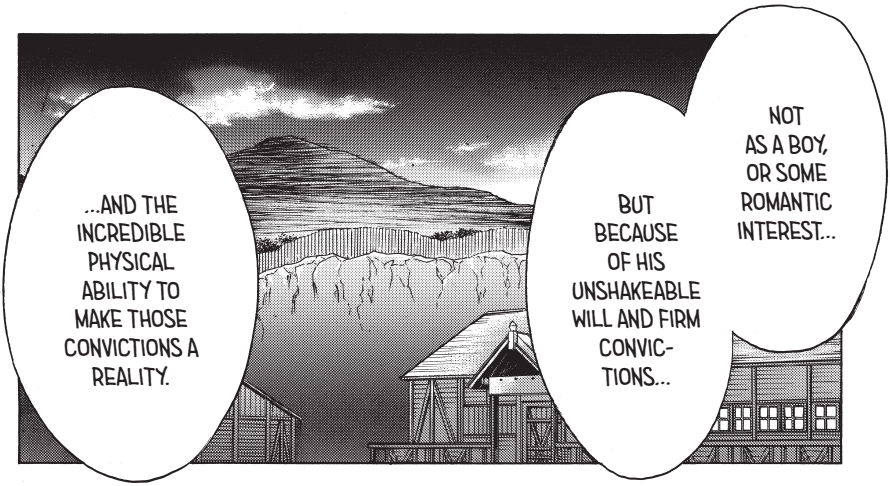
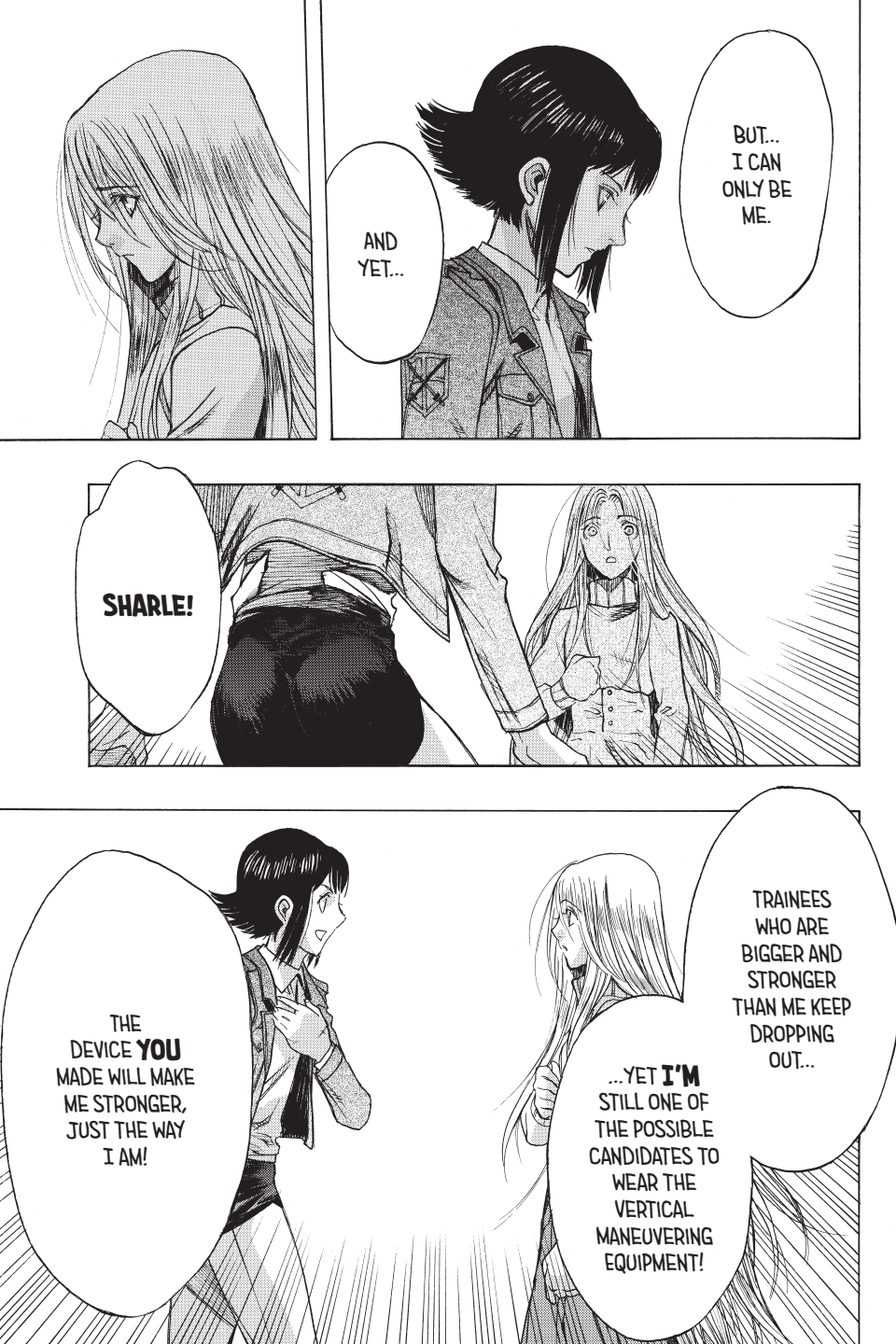


I WANTED TO BE KUKLO.

I ADMIRE HIM.


NOT AS A BOY, OR SOME ROMANTIC INTEREST...
BUT BECAUSE OF HIS UNSHAKEABLE WILL AND FIRM CONVIC-TIONS...
...AND THE INCREDIBLE PHYSICAL ABILITY TO MAKE THOSE CONVICTIONS A REALITY.

MAYBE...
...I JUST WISH I COULD'VE BEEN BORN A BOY.
NOT AS SOME "WEAK LITTLE GIRL," WHO WILL NEVER BE AS STRONG AS A BOY NO MATTER HOW HARD SHE TRIES.


BUT... I CAN ONLY BE ME.
AND YET...
SHARLE!
TRAINEES WHO ARE BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN ME KEEP DROPPING OUT...
...YET I'M STILL ONE OF THE POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO WEAR THE VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT!
THE DEVICE YOU MADE WILL MAKE ME STRONGER, JUST THE WAY I AM!

AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!

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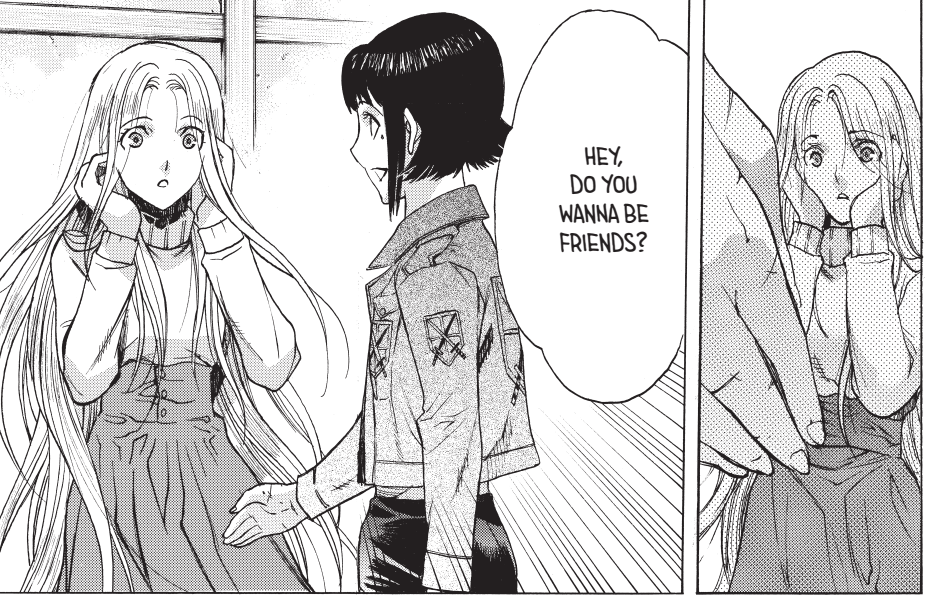
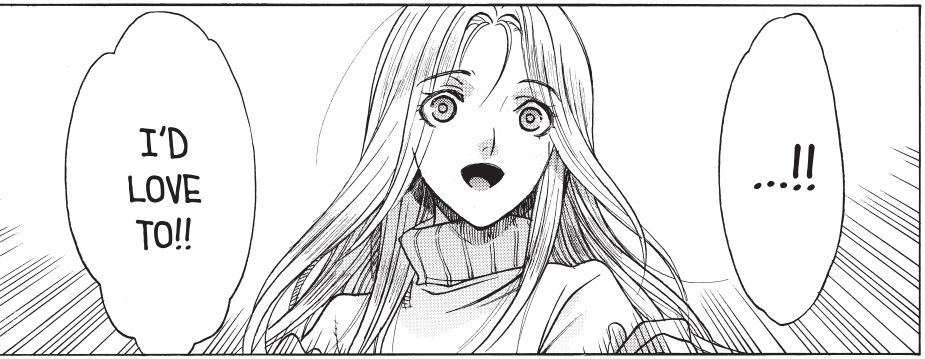
WOW... SHE'S SO CUTE.

H-HUH?

HUH ?!

HA HA HA!


HEY, DO YOU WANNA BE FRIENDS?


I'D LOVE TO!!
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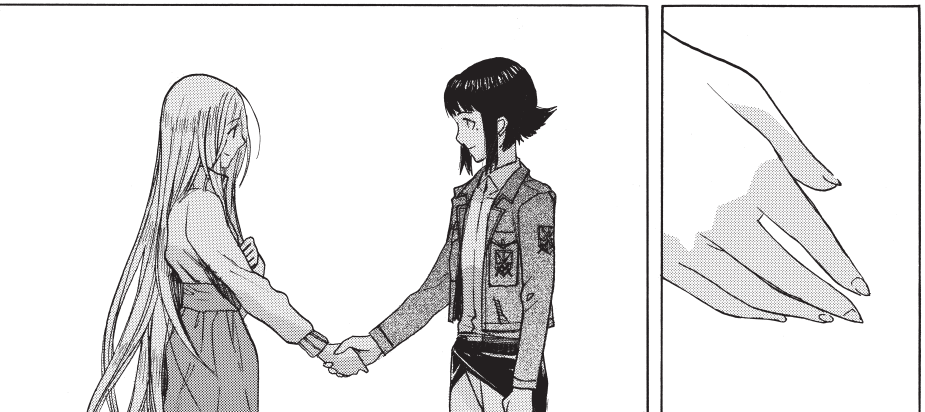

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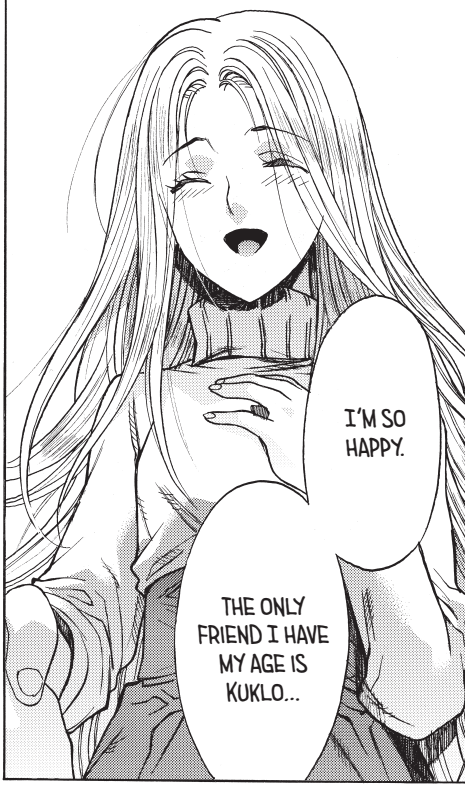
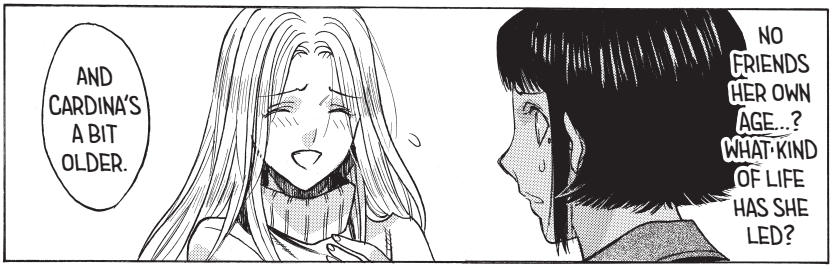
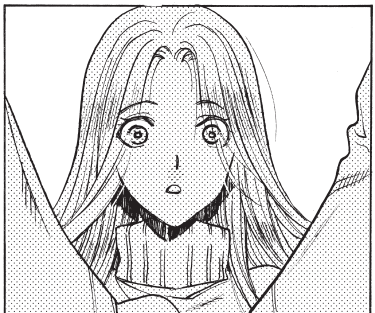
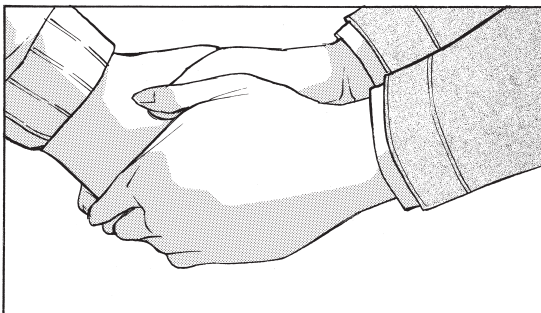
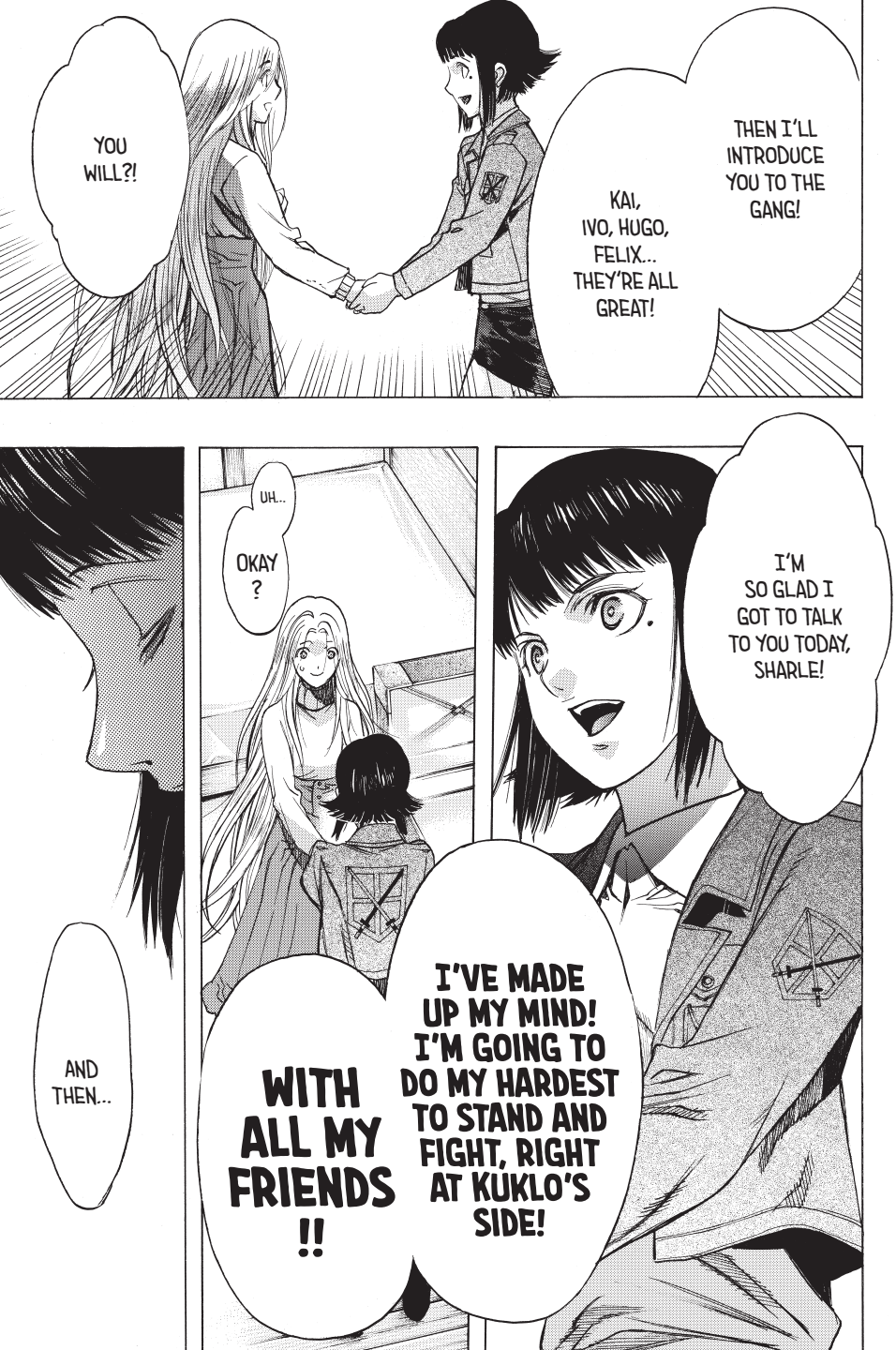
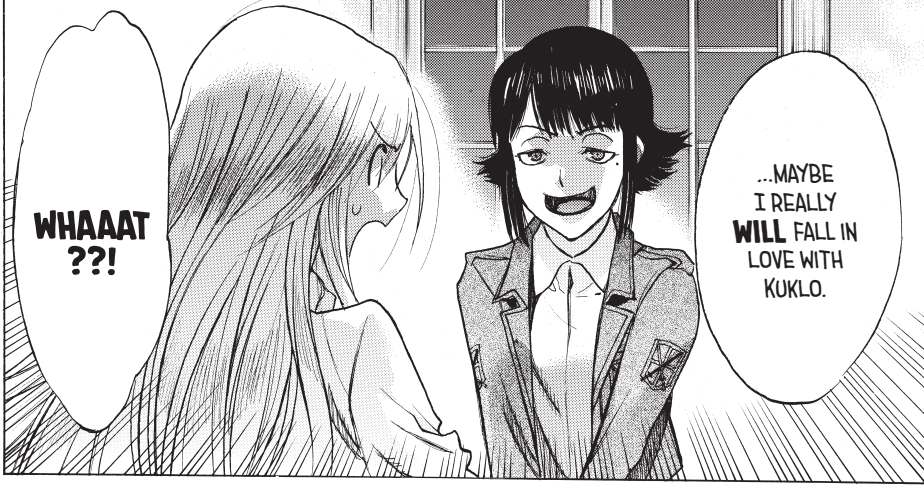

I'M SO HAPPY.
THE ONLY FRIEND I HAVE MY AGE IS KUKLO...

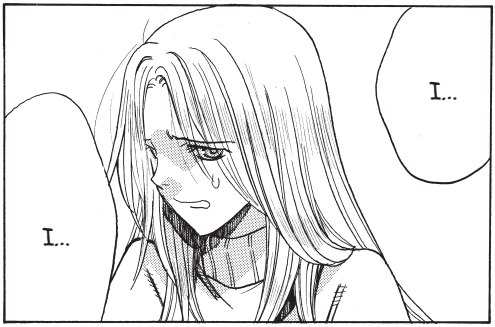

AND CARDINA'S A BIT OLDER.
NO FRIENDS HER OWN AGE...? WHAT KIND OF LIFE HAS SHE LED?






YOU WILL?!
THEN I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE GANG!
KAI, IVO, HUGO, FELIX... THEY'RE ALL GREAT!
UH...
OKAY ?
I'M SO GLAD I GOT TO TALK TO YOU TODAY, SHARLE!
AND THEN...
WITH ALL MY FRIENDS !!
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! I'M GOING TO DO MY HARDEST TO STAND AND FIGHT, RIGHT AT KUKLO'S SIDE!


WHAAAT ??!
...MAYBE I REALLY WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH KUKLO.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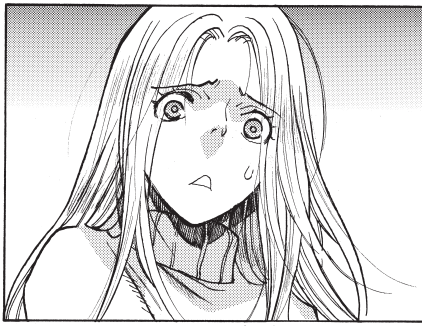

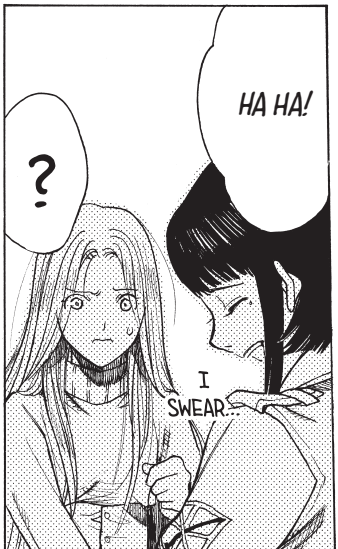
HA HA!
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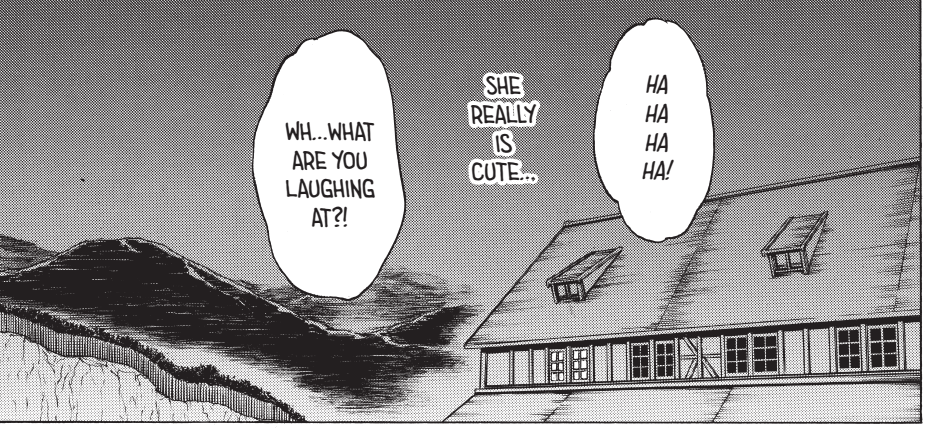
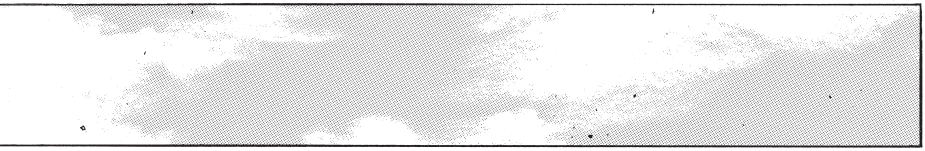
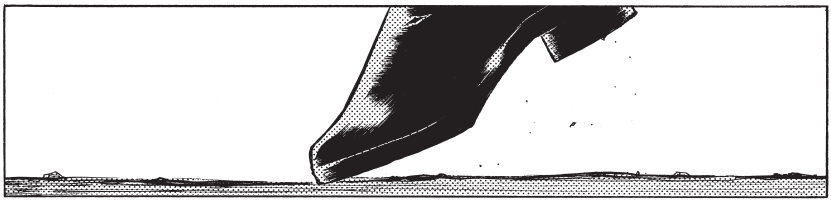
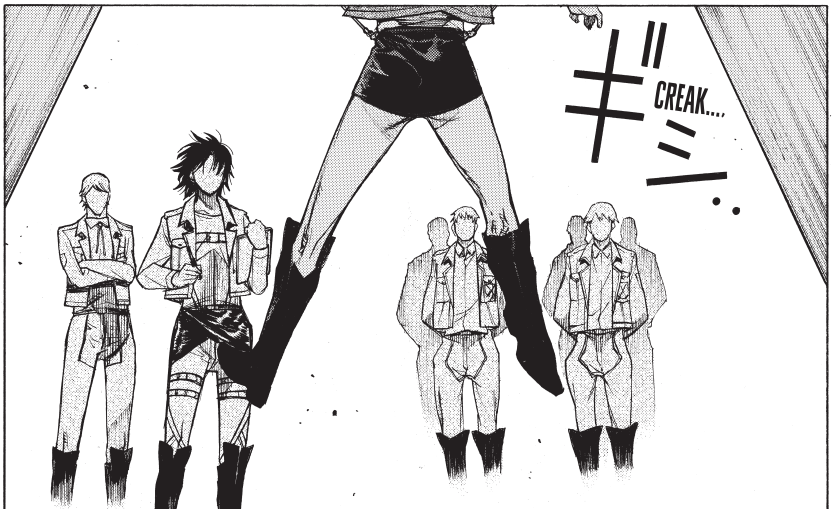
I SWEAR...

I DON'T WANT YOU TO!!


WH...WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?!
SHE REALLY IS CUTE...
HA HA HA HA!



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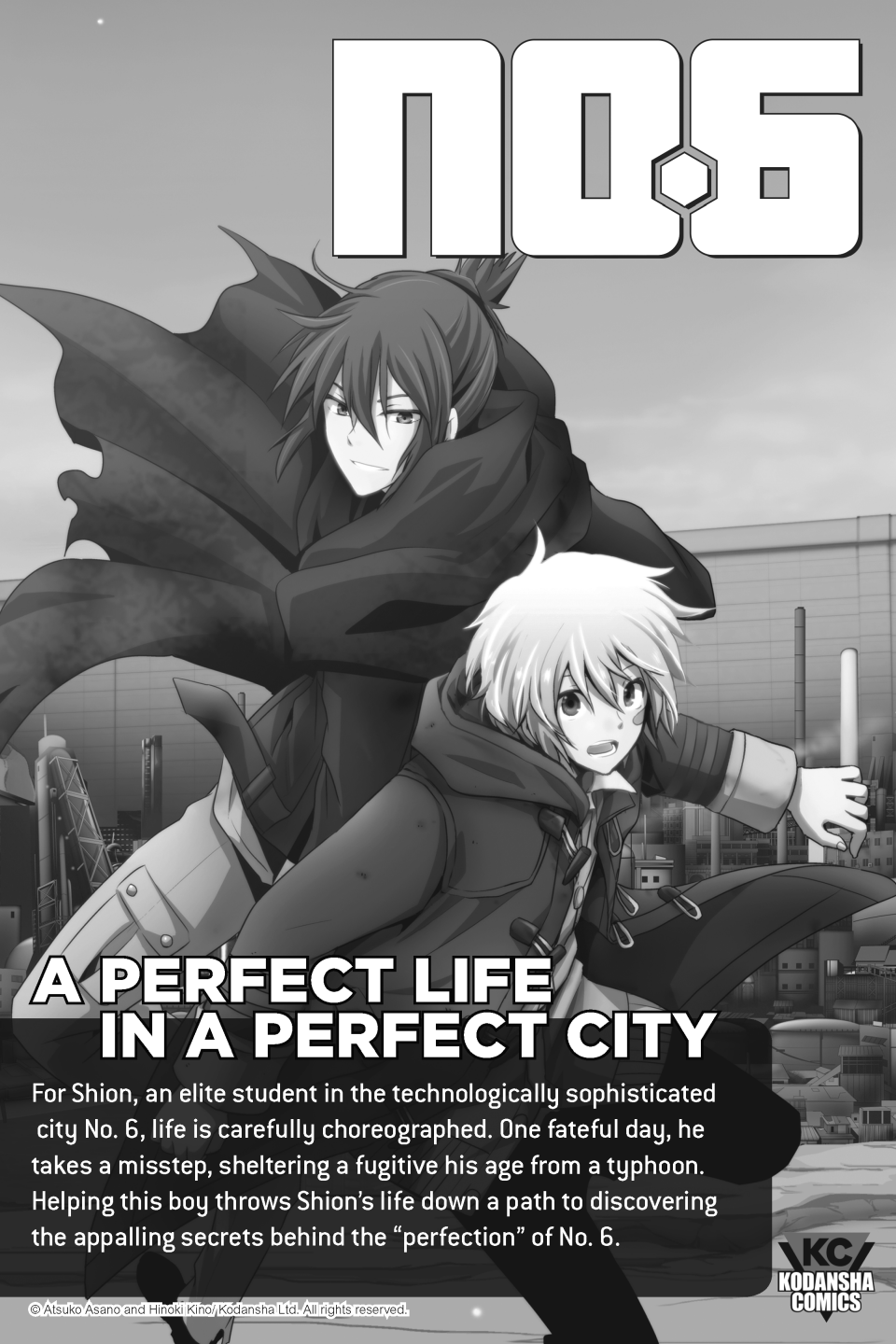
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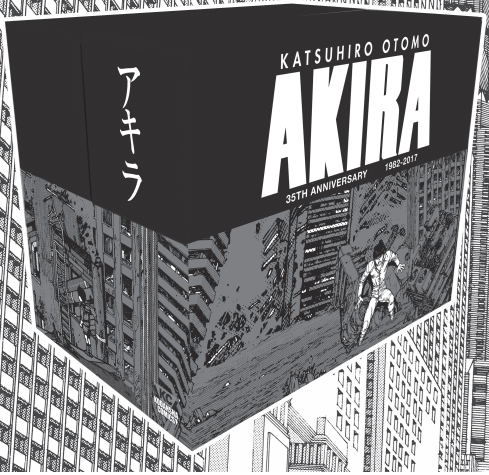

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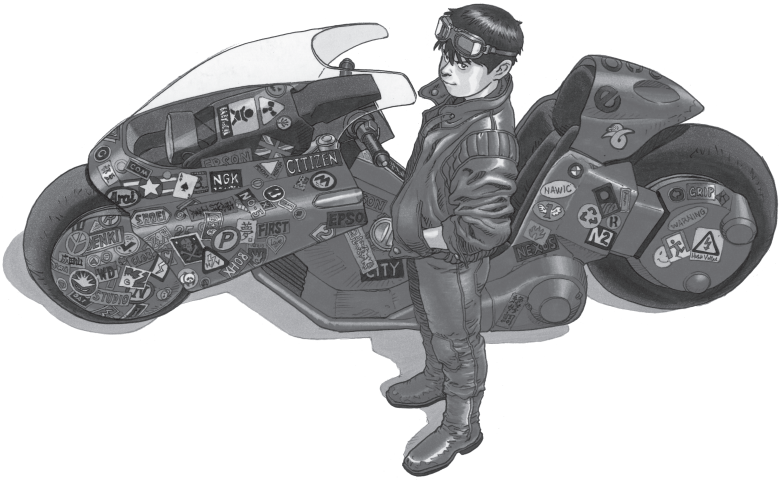

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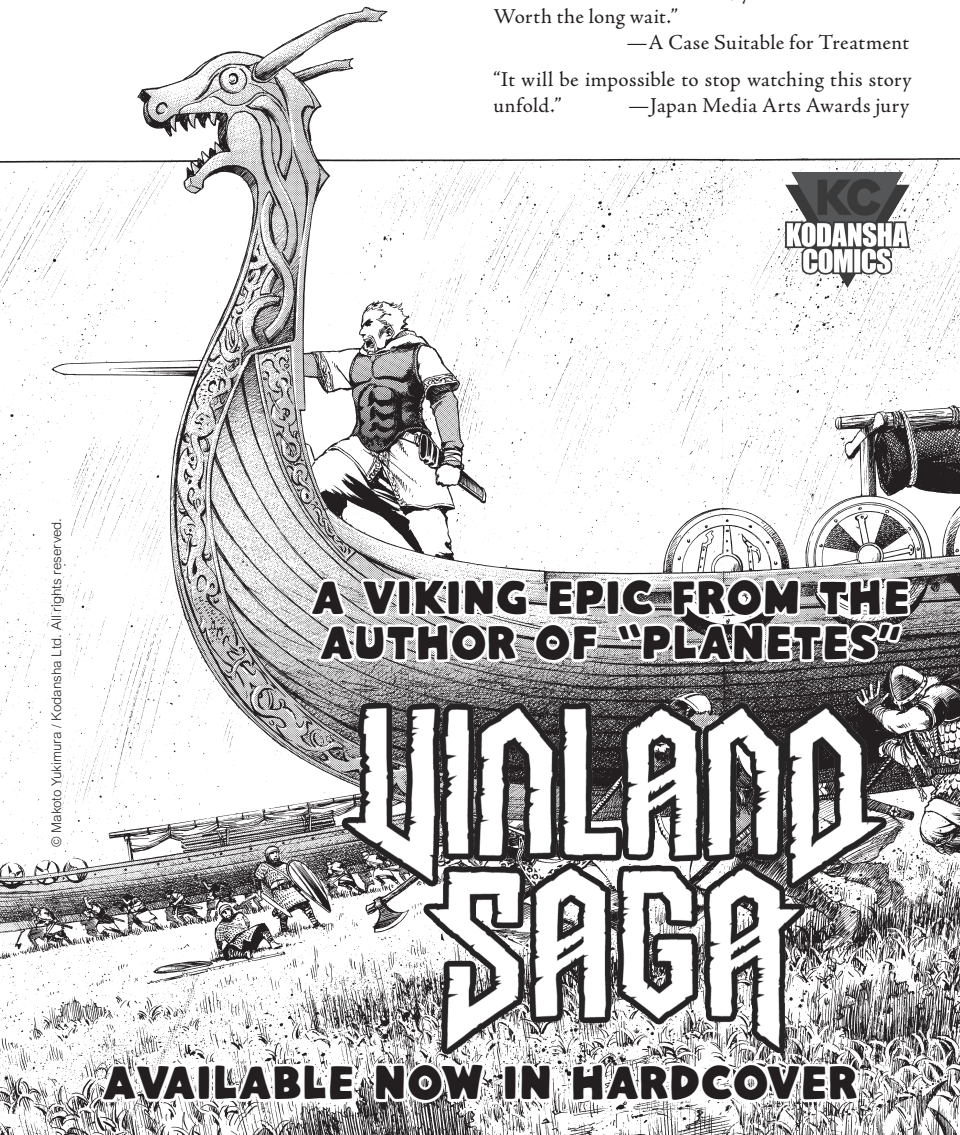

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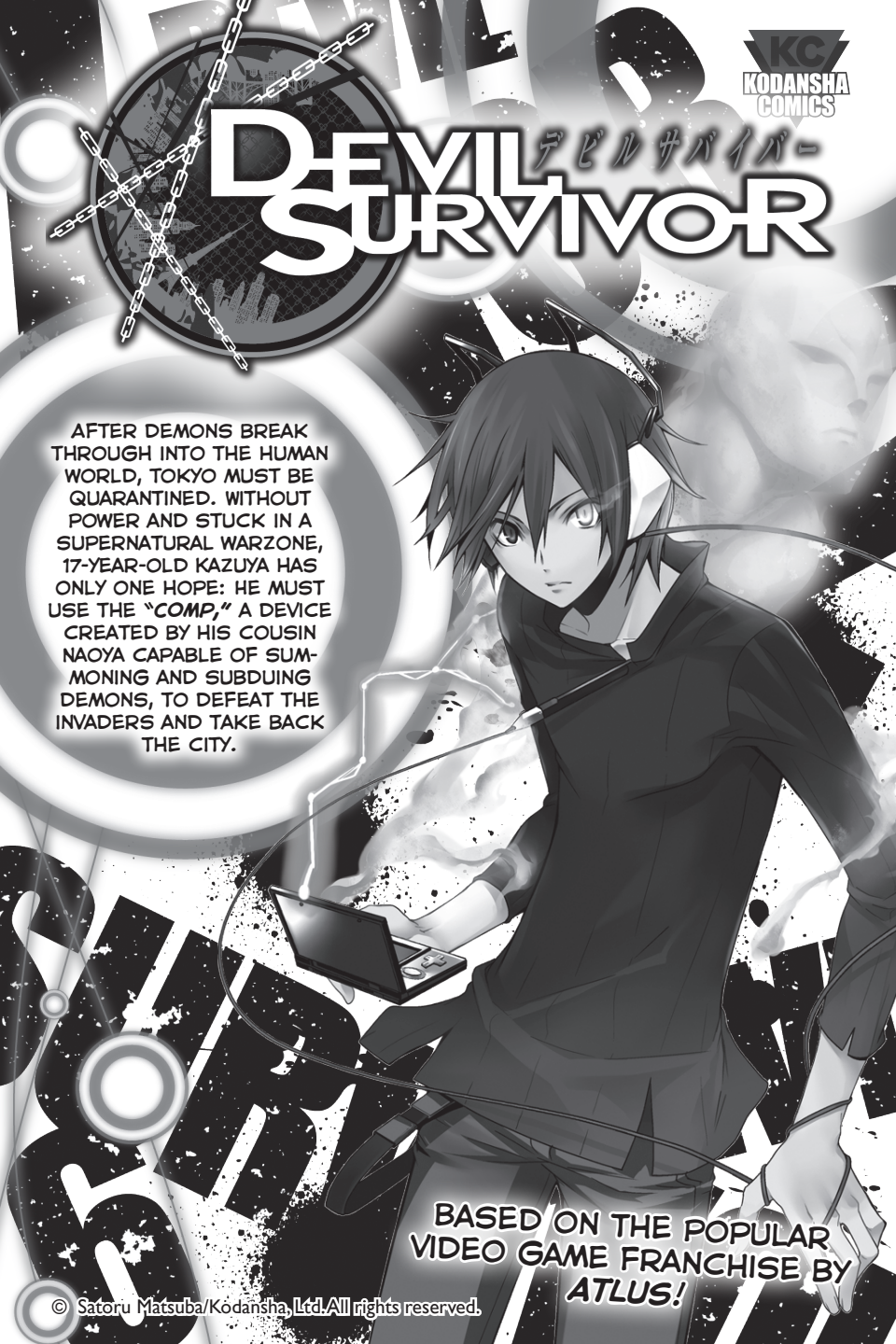
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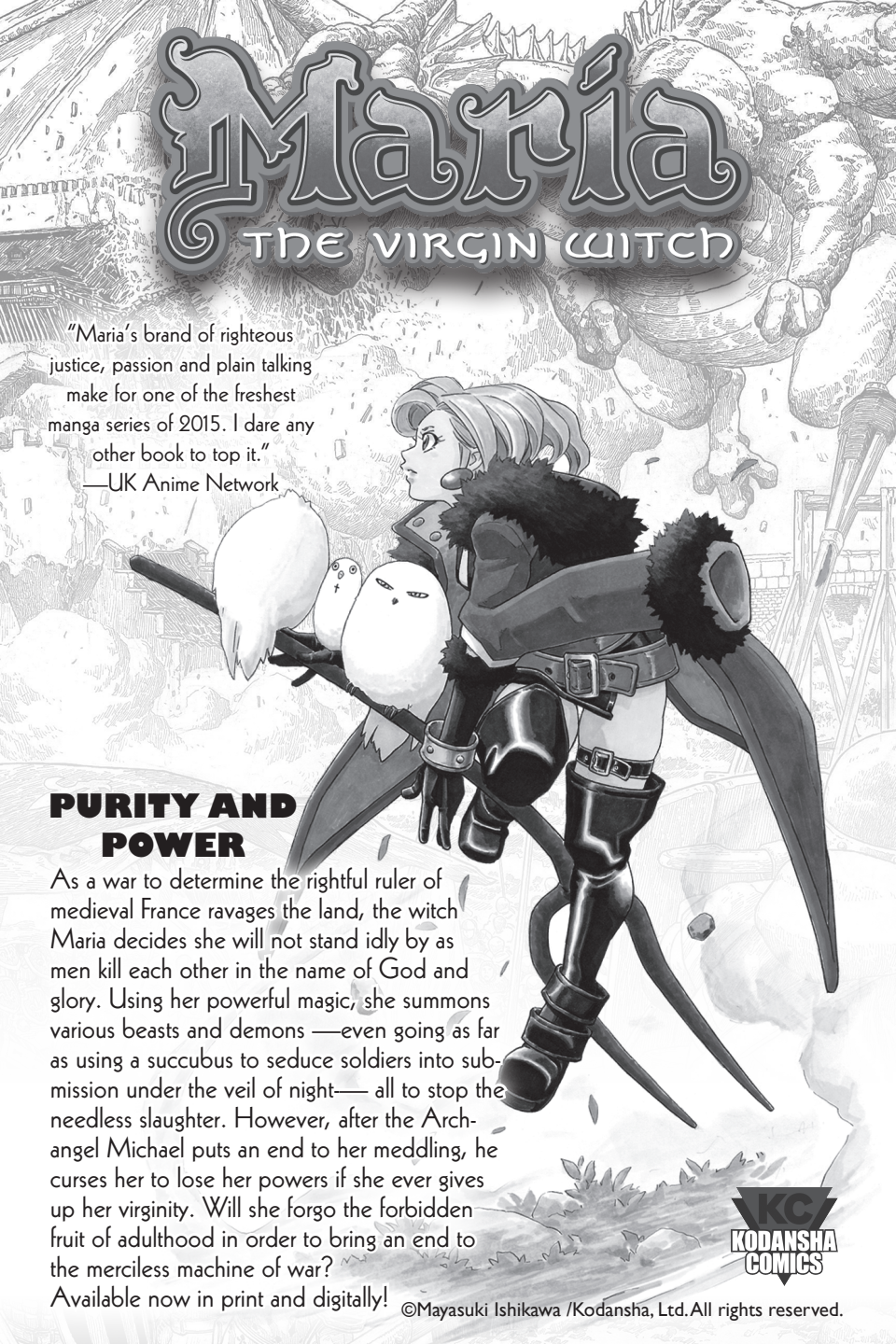
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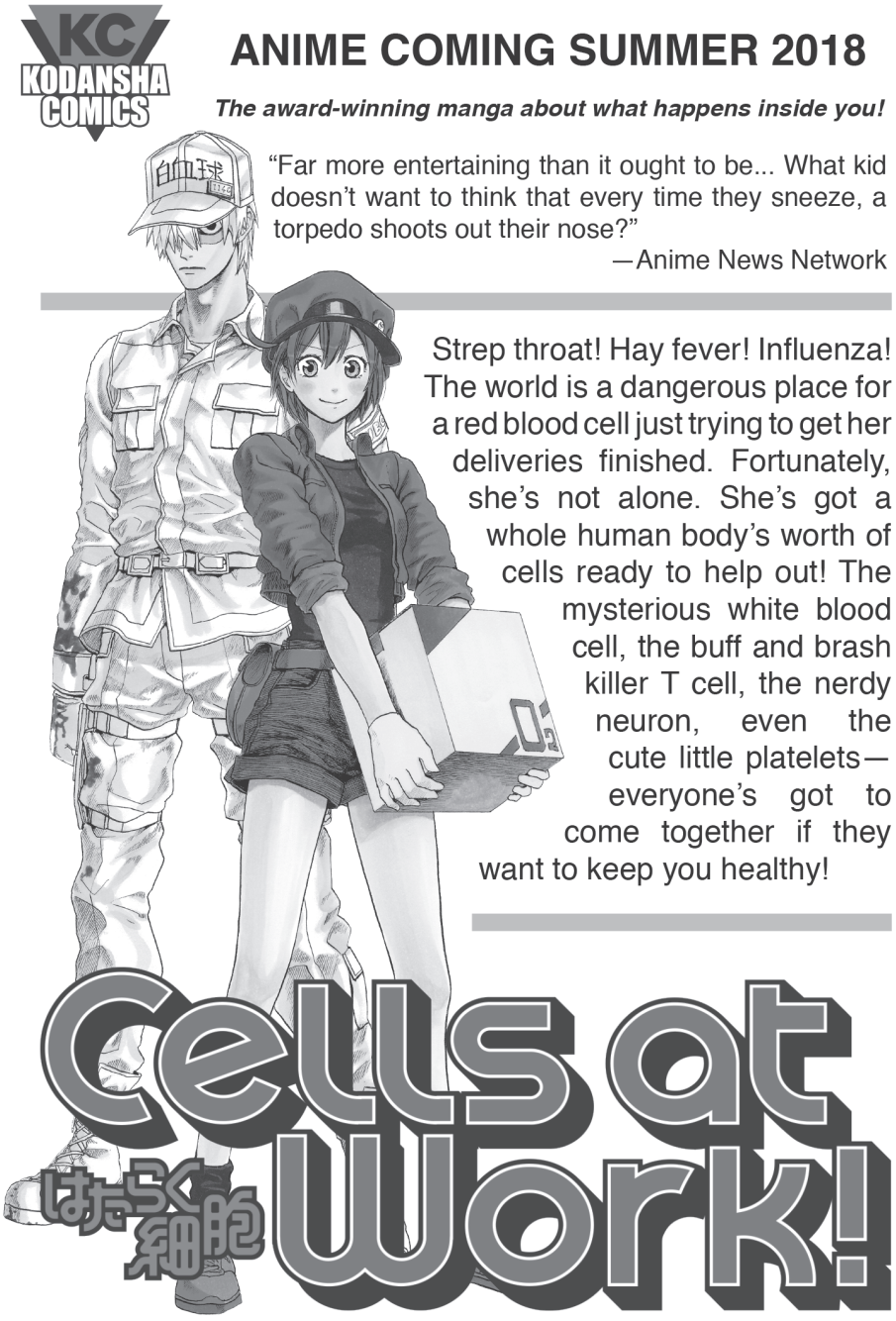

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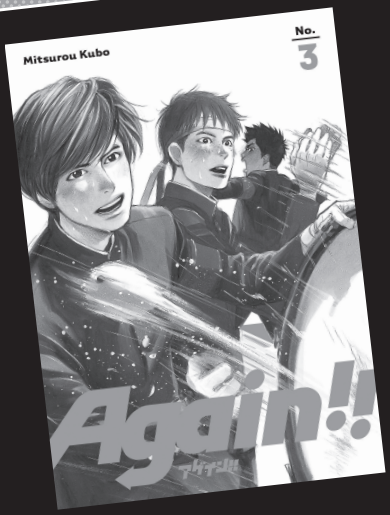

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